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Secondary Criteria: Nebraska Content Area Standards

Subject: Language Arts

Grades: 6, 7, 8

Modern World History-Based Writing Lessons

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Language Arts

Grade 6 - Adopted: 2021

CONTENT STANDARD LA.6. Grade 6 Standards

STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND LA.6.RI.1. Determine the implied or explicit central idea of an informational text and how it develops over the course of a text.

CONTENT STANDARD LA.6. Grade 6 Standards

STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND LA.6.RI.8. Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

CONTENT STANDARD LA.6. Grade 6 Standards

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.6.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.6.V.1. a. Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.

CONTENT STANDARD LA.6. Grade 6 Standards

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. g.	Identify and revise fragment and run-on sentences and inappropriate shifts in verb tenses.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. c.	Improve and clarify the content, structure, and organization of writing by revising, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. e.	Use appropriate print and digital/multimedia tools to produce, enhance, and/or publish writing individually or in collaboration with peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.SL.	Speaking and Listening
INDICATOR		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas Present information, findings, and supporting evidence in which the organization, development, and style are appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.SL.2.	Present claims and findings, sequencing ideas logically and using relevant descriptions, facts, and details to clarify themes or central ideas.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.SL.2. b.	Convey a perspective with clear reasoning and support.
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Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2021

CONTENT STANDARD LA.7. Grade 7 Standards

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND LA.7.RI.1. Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas of an informational text and how they are supported with key details.

STRAND LA.7.RI.2. Analyze the relationships and interactions between individuals, events, and/or ideas or concepts, drawing on specific supporting details in an informational text.

CONTENT STANDARD LA.7. Grade 7 Standards

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.

STRAND LA.7.RI.4. Analyze how the major sections of text contribute to the development of ideas in an informational text.

CONTENT STANDARD LA.7. Grade 7 Standards

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND LA.7.RI.8. Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

CONTENT STANDARD LA.7. Grade 7 Standards

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.7.V.2. Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.7.V.2. Distinguish between the connotations of words with similar denotations (e.g., polite, diplomatic).

CONTENT STANDARD LA.7. Grade 7 Standards

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. a.	Apply knowledge of rules for capitalization.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. b.	Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives.

CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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STRAND	LA.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening
INDICATOR		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas Present information, findings, and supporting evidence in which the organization, development, and style are appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.SL.2	Present claims and findings, emphasizing key ideas in a focused, coherent manner with relevant descriptions, facts, details, and examples to clarify themes or central ideas.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.SL.2. .b.	Convey a perspective with clear reasoning and valid evidence.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards

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STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas and how they develop over the course of an informational text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.2.	Analyze how particular events, interactions between individuals, or key facts and details contribute to meaning.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.4.	Compare and contrast the structure of a specific paragraph in an informational text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.
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STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
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INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.8.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3.b.	Use literary techniques (e.g., dialogue, pacing, description, multiple plot lines) to develop experiences, events, characters, and settings.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening
INDICATOR		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas Present information, findings, and supporting evidence in which the organization, development, and style are appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.SL.2	Present claims and findings, emphasizing key ideas in a focused, coherent manner with relevant descriptions, facts, details, and examples to clarify themes or central ideas.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.SL.2.b.	Convey a perspective with clear reasoning and valid evidence.

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary and informational text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP.5.	Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems, historical novels, fantasy stories) and their treatment of similar themes and topics.
STRAND	LA.6.RP.6.	Analyze a literary text to answer and develop inferential and evaluative questions to enhance the comprehension of self and others, quoting or paraphrasing specific evidence from the text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP.7.	Compare and contrast regional, national, and/or multicultural perspectives within and across literary texts.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.6.RI.1.	Determine the implied or explicit central idea of an informational text and how it develops over the course of a text.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.6.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.6.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. g.	Identify and revise fragment and run-on sentences and inappropriate shifts in verb tenses.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
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INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. c.	Improve and clarify the content, structure, and organization of writing by revising, considering feedback from adults and peers.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. e.	Use appropriate print and digital/multimedia tools to produce, enhance, and/or publish writing individually or in collaboration with peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. a.	Paraphrase and quote evidence to support ideas while avoiding plagiarism.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. b.	Locate and evaluate credibility of evidence (e.g., motivation and/or potential bias of an information product) from print and digital sources to generate and answer questions and create new understandings.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.
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STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.7.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas of an informational text and how they are supported with key details.
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STRAND	LA.7.RI.2.	Analyze the relationships and interactions between individuals, events, and/or ideas or concepts, drawing on specific supporting details in an informational text.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.7.RI.4.	Analyze how the major sections of text contribute to the development of ideas in an informational text.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.7.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. c.	Distinguish between the connotations of words with similar denotations (e.g., polite, diplomatic).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. a.	Apply knowledge of rules for capitalization.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2021

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND LA.8.RI.1. Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas and how they develop over the course of an informational text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.

STRAND LA.8.RI.2. Analyze how particular events, interactions between individuals, or key facts and details contribute to meaning.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.

STRAND LA.8.RI.4. Compare and contrast the structure of a specific paragraph in an informational text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND LA.8.RI.8. Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.8.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.V.1. a. Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.V.2.
b. Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.

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STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.W.2.
b. Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.W.2.
d. Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.

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STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.W.3.
b. Use literary techniques (e.g., dialogue, pacing, description, multiple plot lines) to develop experiences, events, characters, and settings).

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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.W.5.
b. Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and/or other information and examples.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.W.5.
c. Use appropriate transitions and domain-specific vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.6.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.6.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. g.	Identify and revise fragment and run-on sentences and inappropriate shifts in verb tenses.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. c.	Improve and clarify the content, structure, and organization of writing by revising, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. e.	Use appropriate print and digital/multimedia tools to produce, enhance, and/or publish writing individually or in collaboration with peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. a.	Paraphrase and quote evidence to support ideas while avoiding plagiarism.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. b.	Locate and evaluate credibility of evidence (e.g., motivation and/or potential bias of an information product) from print and digital sources to generate and answer questions and create new understandings.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas of an informational text and how they are supported with key details.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.2.	Analyze the relationships and interactions between individuals, events, and/or ideas or concepts, drawing on specific supporting details in an informational text.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.

STRAND LA.7.RI.4. Analyze how the major sections of text contribute to the development of ideas in an informational text.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND LA.7.RI.8. Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.7.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.7.V.1. c. Consult general and specialized reference materials to determine or clarify the precise meanings, pronunciations, or parts of speech of words.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.7.V.2. a. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., literary, biblical, or mythological allusions) in context.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.7.V.2. b. Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.7.V.2. c. Distinguish between the connotations of words with similar denotations (e.g., polite, diplomatic).

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.

STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. a.	Apply knowledge of rules for capitalization.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. b.	Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas and how they develop over the course of an informational text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.2.	Analyze how particular events, interactions between individuals, or key facts and details contribute to meaning.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.4.	Compare and contrast the structure of a specific paragraph in an informational text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.8.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. b.	Use literary techniques (e.g., dialogue, pacing, description, multiple plot lines) to develop experiences, events, characters, and settings.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to clearly convey ideas and information in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and/or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and domain-specific vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary and informational text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 5.	Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems, historical novels, fantasy stories) and their treatment of similar themes and topics.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 6.	Analyze a literary text to answer and develop inferential and evaluative questions to enhance the comprehension of self and others, quoting or paraphrasing specific evidence from the text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 7.	Compare and contrast regional, national, and/or multicultural perspectives within and across literary texts.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.6.RI.1.	Determine the implied or explicit central idea of an informational text and how it develops over the course of a text.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.6.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.6.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary

INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2.b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1.f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1.g.	Identify and revise fragment and run-on sentences and inappropriate shifts in verb tenses.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2.a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2.b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2.c.	Improve and clarify the content, structure, and organization of writing by revising, considering feedback from adults and peers.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2.d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2.e.	Use appropriate print and digital/multimedia tools to produce, enhance, and/or publish writing individually or in collaboration with peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. a.	Paraphrase and quote evidence to support ideas while avoiding plagiarism.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. b.	Locate and evaluate credibility of evidence (e.g., motivation and/or potential bias of an information product) from print and digital sources to generate and answer questions and create new understandings.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.

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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.7.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas of an informational text and how they are supported with key details.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.2.	Analyze the relationships and interactions between individuals, events, and/or ideas or concepts, drawing on specific supporting details in an informational text.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.7.RI.4.	Analyze how the major sections of text contribute to the development of ideas in an informational text.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.7.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. c.	Distinguish between the connotations of words with similar denotations (e.g., polite, diplomatic).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. a.	Apply knowledge of rules for capitalization.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. b.	Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas and how they develop over the course of an informational text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
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STRAND	LA.8.RI.2.	Analyze how particular events, interactions between individuals, or key facts and details contribute to meaning.
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Content Standard	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
Strand	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
Indicator		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.
Strand	LA.8.RI.4.	Compare and contrast the structure of a specific paragraph in an informational text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.
Content Standard	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
Strand	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
Indicator		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
Strand	LA.8.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
Content Standard	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
Strand	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
Indicator		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
Strand	LA.8.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
Grade Level Expectation	LA.8.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
Content Standard	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
Strand	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
Indicator		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
Strand	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
Grade Level Expectation	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
Content Standard	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
Strand	LA.8.W.	Writing
Indicator		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
Strand	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
Grade Level Expectation	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. b.	Use literary techniques (e.g., dialogue, pacing, description, multiple plot lines) to develop experiences, events, characters, and settings).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to clearly convey ideas and information in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and/or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and domain-specific vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.6.RP. 8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of literary text of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
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INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
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STRAND LA.6.RI.8. Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.6.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.6.V.1. a. Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.6.V.2. b. Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.6.W.2. a. Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.6.W.2. b. Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.6.W.2. d. Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.3. c.	Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to signal shifts from one character, time frame, or setting to another.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.3. d.	Use precise words and phrases, descriptive/sensory details, and figurative language to express personal or narrative voice.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and appropriately reflects on the literary experiences or events.

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Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2021

Content Standard	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
Strand	LA.7.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
Indicator		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level literary text independently and proficiently.
Strand	LA.7.RP.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of literary texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
Content Standard	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
Strand	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
Indicator		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
Strand	LA.7.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
Grade Level Expectation	LA.7.V.1.a.	Use context clues (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
Content Standard	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
Strand	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
Indicator		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
Strand	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
Grade Level Expectation	LA.7.V.2.b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
Content Standard	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
Strand	LA.7.W.	Writing
Indicator		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
Strand	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. c.	Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to signal shifts from one character, time frame, or setting to another.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. d.	Use precise words and phrases, descriptive/sensory details, and figurative language to express personal or narrative voice.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and appropriately reflects on the literary experiences or events.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening
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INDICATOR		Comprehension and Collaboration Communicate effectively and appropriately in collaborative activities for a variety of tasks, purposes, and audiences to express ideas, share knowledge, and generate new understandings.
STRAND	LA.7.SL.1	Prepare for and participate in structured discussions and collaborations about 7th grade topics and texts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.SL.1.e.	Complete a task following multi-step directions.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening
INDICATOR		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas Present information, findings, and supporting evidence in which the organization, development, and style are appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.SL.2	Present claims and findings, emphasizing key ideas in a focused, coherent manner with relevant descriptions, facts, details, and examples to clarify themes or central ideas.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.SL.2.a.	Demonstrate and adjust speaking techniques (e.g., appropriate eye contact, pacing, adequate volume, clear pronunciation) for a variety of purposes and situations, including interpreting 7th grade texts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.SL.2.b.	Convey a perspective with clear reasoning and valid evidence.

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level literary text.
STRAND	LA.8.RP.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit themes of a text and how they develop over the course of a literary text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
STRAND	LA.8.RP.2.	Analyze how particular events, lines of dialogue, or descriptive details develop the plot, reveal aspects of characters, or create meaning.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level literary text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.8.RP.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of literary texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text

INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
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STRAND	LA.8.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas and how they develop over the course of an informational text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
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STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.5.	Analyze how two or more texts provide conflicting information on the same topic, including where the texts disagree on matters of evidence or interpretation.
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STRAND	LA.8.RI.6.	Analyze the development of an argument and evaluate the effectiveness of the type(s) of reasoning used to support the argument.
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STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
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STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.8.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
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STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
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INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.1. e.	Use appropriate parallel structure in words, phrases, and clauses.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. d.	Use precise words and phrases, descriptive/sensory details, and figurative language to establish mood and tone and convey a vivid picture.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and reflects upon what is experienced, observed, or left unresolved over the course of the piece.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.4. a.	Develop a structure to sequence ideas appropriately; introduce a clear claim where appropriate.

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.6.RP.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of literary text of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.6.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.6.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.1.a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2.b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2.a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.3. c.	Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to signal shifts from one character, time frame, or setting to another.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.3. d.	Use precise words and phrases, descriptive/sensory details, and figurative language to express personal or narrative voice.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and appropriately reflects on the literary experiences or events.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. a.	Introduce a topic clearly and provide a general focus, grouping information logically and including text features, illustrations, and/or multimedia elements.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.SL.	Speaking and Listening
INDICATOR		Comprehension and Collaboration Communicate effectively and appropriately in collaborative activities for a variety of tasks, purposes, and audiences to express ideas, share knowledge, and generate new understandings.

STRAND	LA.6.SL.1	Prepare for and participate in structured discussions and collaborations about 6th grade topics and texts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.SL.1.a.	Ask relevant questions to build on ideas, clarify own ideas, or acquire or confirm information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.SL.1.b.	Demonstrate interpretation of verbal and non-verbal messages in a conversation.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.SL.1.c.	Converse with diverse individuals in an all-inclusive manner to foster positive relationships while respecting diverse perspectives.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.SL.1.d.	Demonstrate active and attentive listening skills (e.g., eye contact, nonverbal cues, taking notes, summarizing, questioning).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.SL.1.e.	Complete a task following multi-step directions.

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level literary text.
STRAND	LA.7.RP.2.	Analyze how particular events, lines of dialogue, or descriptive details develop the plot, reveal aspects of characters, or create meaning.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary text.
STRAND	LA.7.RP.6.	Synthesize the implied or stated theme(s) in a literary text to draw conclusions and deepen understanding of self and others.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level literary text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.7.RP.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of literary texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.7.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. c.	Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to signal shifts from one character, time frame, or setting to another.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. d.	Use precise words and phrases, descriptive/sensory details, and figurative language to express personal or narrative voice.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and appropriately reflects on the literary experiences or events.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening
INDICATOR		Comprehension and Collaboration Communicate effectively and appropriately in collaborative activities for a variety of tasks, purposes, and audiences to express ideas, share knowledge, and generate new understandings.
STRAND	LA.7.SL.1	Prepare for and participate in structured discussions and collaborations about 7th grade topics and texts.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.SL.1. e.	Complete a task following multi-step directions.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening
INDICATOR		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas Present information, findings, and supporting evidence in which the organization, development, and style are appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.SL.2	Present claims and findings, emphasizing key ideas in a focused, coherent manner with relevant descriptions, facts, details, and examples to clarify themes or central ideas.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.SL.2. .a.	Demonstrate and adjust speaking techniques (e.g., appropriate eye contact, pacing, adequate volume, clear pronunciation) for a variety of purposes and situations, including interpreting 7th grade texts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.SL.2. .b.	Convey a perspective with clear reasoning and valid evidence.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level literary text.
STRAND	LA.8.RP. 1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit themes of a text and how they develop over the course of a literary text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
STRAND	LA.8.RP. 2.	Analyze how particular events, lines of dialogue, or descriptive details develop the plot, reveal aspects of characters, or create meaning.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level literary text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.8.RP. 8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of literary texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas and how they develop over the course of an informational text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.5.	Analyze how two or more texts provide conflicting information on the same topic, including where the texts disagree on matters of evidence or interpretation.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.6.	Analyze the development of an argument and evaluate the effectiveness of the type(s) of reasoning used to support the argument.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text

INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
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STRAND	LA.8.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.8.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.1. e.	Use appropriate parallel structure in words, phrases, and clauses.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. d.	Use precise words and phrases, descriptive/sensory details, and figurative language to establish mood and tone and convey a vivid picture.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and reflects upon what is experienced, observed, or left unresolved over the course of the piece.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.4. a.	Develop a structure to sequence ideas appropriately; introduce a clear claim where appropriate.

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of literary text of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.6.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

Content Standard	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
Content Standard	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
Indicator		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
Strand	LA.6.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
Grade Level Expectation	LA.6.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
Content Standard	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
Content Standard	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
Indicator		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
Strand	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
Grade Level Expectation	LA.6.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
Content Standard	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
Content Standard	LA.6.W.	Writing
Indicator		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
Strand	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
Grade Level Expectation	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
Grade Level Expectation	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
Grade Level Expectation	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
Content Standard	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
Content Standard	LA.6.W.	Writing
Indicator		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
Strand	LA.6.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
Grade Level Expectation	LA.6.W.3. c.	Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to signal shifts from one character, time frame, or setting to another.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.3. d.	Use precise words and phrases, descriptive/sensory details, and figurative language to express personal or narrative voice.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and appropriately reflects on the literary experiences or events.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level literary text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.7.RP. 8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of literary texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.7.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. c.	Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to signal shifts from one character, time frame, or setting to another.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. d.	Use precise words and phrases, descriptive/sensory details, and figurative language to express personal or narrative voice.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and appropriately reflects on the literary experiences or events.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.

STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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STRAND	LA.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening
INDICATOR		Comprehension and Collaboration Communicate effectively and appropriately in collaborative activities for a variety of tasks, purposes, and audiences to express ideas, share knowledge, and generate new understandings.
STRAND	LA.7.SL.1	Prepare for and participate in structured discussions and collaborations about 7th grade topics and texts.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.SL.1 .e.	Complete a task following multi-step directions.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
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STRAND	LA.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening
INDICATOR		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas Present information, findings, and supporting evidence in which the organization, development, and style are appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.SL.2	Present claims and findings, emphasizing key ideas in a focused, coherent manner with relevant descriptions, facts, details, and examples to clarify themes or central ideas.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.SL.2 .a.	Demonstrate and adjust speaking techniques (e.g., appropriate eye contact, pacing, adequate volume, clear pronunciation) for a variety of purposes and situations, including interpreting 7th grade texts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.SL.2 .b.	Convey a perspective with clear reasoning and valid evidence.
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STRAND	LA.8.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level literary text.

STRAND	LA.8.RP. 1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit themes of a text and how they develop over the course of a literary text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
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STRAND	LA.8.RP. 2.	Analyze how particular events, lines of dialogue, or descriptive details develop the plot, reveal aspects of characters, or create meaning.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
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STRAND	LA.8.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
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INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level literary text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.8.RP.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of literary texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas and how they develop over the course of an informational text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.5.	Analyze how two or more texts provide conflicting information on the same topic, including where the texts disagree on matters of evidence or interpretation.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.6.	Analyze the development of an argument and evaluate the effectiveness of the type(s) of reasoning used to support the argument.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.8.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.1.a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.1. e.	Use appropriate parallel structure in words, phrases, and clauses.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. d.	Use precise words and phrases, descriptive/sensory details, and figurative language to establish mood and tone and convey a vivid picture.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and reflects upon what is experienced, observed, or left unresolved over the course of the piece.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.4.	Develop a structure to sequence ideas appropriately; introduce a clear claim where appropriate. a.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

STRAND LA.6.RP.8. Read and comprehend a wide range of literary text of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND LA.6.RI.8. Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.6.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.6.V.1.a. Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.6.V.2.b. Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.

CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.3. c.	Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to signal shifts from one character, time frame, or setting to another.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.3. d.	Use precise words and phrases, descriptive/sensory details, and figurative language to express personal or narrative voice.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and appropriately reflects on the literary experiences or events.

CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
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STRAND	LA.7.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level literary text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.7.RP.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of literary texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.7.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1.a.	Use context clues (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2.b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2.a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2.b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2.d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.

STRAND	LA.7.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. c.	Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to signal shifts from one character, time frame, or setting to another.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. d.	Use precise words and phrases, descriptive/sensory details, and figurative language to express personal or narrative voice.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and appropriately reflects on the literary experiences or events.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening
INDICATOR		Comprehension and Collaboration Communicate effectively and appropriately in collaborative activities for a variety of tasks, purposes, and audiences to express ideas, share knowledge, and generate new understandings.
STRAND	LA.7.SL.1	Prepare for and participate in structured discussions and collaborations about 7th grade topics and texts.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.SL.1. e.	Complete a task following multi-step directions.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening
INDICATOR		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas Present information, findings, and supporting evidence in which the organization, development, and style are appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.

STRAND	LA.7.SL.2	Present claims and findings, emphasizing key ideas in a focused, coherent manner with relevant descriptions, facts, details, and examples to clarify themes or central ideas.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.SL.2.a.	Demonstrate and adjust speaking techniques (e.g., appropriate eye contact, pacing, adequate volume, clear pronunciation) for a variety of purposes and situations, including interpreting 7th grade texts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.SL.2.b.	Convey a perspective with clear reasoning and valid evidence.

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Content Standard	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
Strand	LA.8.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
Indicator		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level literary text.
Strand	LA.8.RP. 1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit themes of a text and how they develop over the course of a literary text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
Strand	LA.8.RP. 2.	Analyze how particular events, lines of dialogue, or descriptive details develop the plot, reveal aspects of characters, or create meaning.
Content Standard	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
Strand	LA.8.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
Indicator		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level literary text independently and proficiently.
Strand	LA.8.RP. 8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of literary texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
Content Standard	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
Strand	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
Indicator		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
Strand	LA.8.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas and how they develop over the course of an informational text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
Content Standard	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
Strand	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
Indicator		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.5.	Analyze how two or more texts provide conflicting information on the same topic, including where the texts disagree on matters of evidence or interpretation.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.6.	Analyze the development of an argument and evaluate the effectiveness of the type(s) of reasoning used to support the argument.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.8.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.1. e.	Use appropriate parallel structure in words, phrases, and clauses.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing

INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. d.	Use precise words and phrases, descriptive/sensory details, and figurative language to establish mood and tone and convey a vivid picture.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and reflects upon what is experienced, observed, or left unresolved over the course of the piece.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.4. a.	Develop a structure to sequence ideas appropriately; introduce a clear claim where appropriate.

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary and informational text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 5.	Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems, historical novels, fantasy stories) and their treatment of similar themes and topics.

STRAND	LA.6.RP.6.	Analyze a literary text to answer and develop inferential and evaluative questions to enhance the comprehension of self and others, quoting or paraphrasing specific evidence from the text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP.7.	Compare and contrast regional, national, and/or multicultural perspectives within and across literary texts.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.6.RI.1.	Determine the implied or explicit central idea of an informational text and how it develops over the course of a text.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.6.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.6.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.1.a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2.b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.

STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. g.	Identify and revise fragment and run-on sentences and inappropriate shifts in verb tenses.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. c.	Improve and clarify the content, structure, and organization of writing by revising, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. e.	Use appropriate print and digital/multimedia tools to produce, enhance, and/or publish writing individually or in collaboration with peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. a.	Paraphrase and quote evidence to support ideas while avoiding plagiarism.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. b.	Locate and evaluate credibility of evidence (e.g., motivation and/or potential bias of an information product) from print and digital sources to generate and answer questions and create new understandings.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas of an informational text and how they are supported with key details.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.2.	Analyze the relationships and interactions between individuals, events, and/or ideas or concepts, drawing on specific supporting details in an informational text.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.4.	Analyze how the major sections of text contribute to the development of ideas in an informational text.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND LA.7.RI.8. Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.7.V.2. b. Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.7.V.2. c. Distinguish between the connotations of words with similar denotations (e.g., polite, diplomatic).

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.7.W.1. a. Apply knowledge of rules for capitalization.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.7.W.1. b. Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.7.W.2. a. Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.7.W.2. b. Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas and how they develop over the course of an informational text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
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STRAND	LA.8.RI.2.	Analyze how particular events, interactions between individuals, or key facts and details contribute to meaning.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
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INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.4.	Compare and contrast the structure of a specific paragraph in an informational text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.8.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. b.	Use literary techniques (e.g., dialogue, pacing, description, multiple plot lines) to develop experiences, events, characters, and settings).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to clearly convey ideas and information in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and/or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and domain-specific vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary and informational text.

STRAND	LA.6.RP. 5.	Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems, historical novels, fantasy stories) and their treatment of similar themes and topics.
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STRAND	LA.6.RP. 6.	Analyze a literary text to answer and develop inferential and evaluative questions to enhance the comprehension of self and others, quoting or paraphrasing specific evidence from the text.
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STRAND	LA.6.RP. 7.	Compare and contrast regional, national, and/or multicultural perspectives within and across literary texts.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
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INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.6.RI.1.	Determine the implied or explicit central idea of an informational text and how it develops over the course of a text.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.6.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.6.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. g.	Identify and revise fragment and run-on sentences and inappropriate shifts in verb tenses.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. c.	Improve and clarify the content, structure, and organization of writing by revising, considering feedback from adults and peers.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. e.	Use appropriate print and digital/multimedia tools to produce, enhance, and/or publish writing individually or in collaboration with peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing

INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. a.	Paraphrase and quote evidence to support ideas while avoiding plagiarism.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. b.	Locate and evaluate credibility of evidence (e.g., motivation and/or potential bias of an information product) from print and digital sources to generate and answer questions and create new understandings.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas of an informational text and how they are supported with key details.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.2.	Analyze the relationships and interactions between individuals, events, and/or ideas or concepts, drawing on specific supporting details in an informational text.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.4.	Analyze how the major sections of text contribute to the development of ideas in an informational text.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. c.	Distinguish between the connotations of words with similar denotations (e.g., polite, diplomatic).

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. a.	Apply knowledge of rules for capitalization.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. b.	Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas and how they develop over the course of an informational text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.2.	Analyze how particular events, interactions between individuals, or key facts and details contribute to meaning.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.4.	Compare and contrast the structure of a specific paragraph in an informational text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.8.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. b.	Use literary techniques (e.g., dialogue, pacing, description, multiple plot lines) to develop experiences, events, characters, and settings).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to clearly convey ideas and information in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and/or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and domain-specific vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary and informational text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 5.	Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems, historical novels, fantasy stories) and their treatment of similar themes and topics.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 6.	Analyze a literary text to answer and develop inferential and evaluative questions to enhance the comprehension of self and others, quoting or paraphrasing specific evidence from the text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 7.	Compare and contrast regional, national, and/or multicultural perspectives within and across literary texts.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.6.RI.1.	Determine the implied or explicit central idea of an informational text and how it develops over the course of a text.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.6.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.6.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. g.	Identify and revise fragment and run-on sentences and inappropriate shifts in verb tenses.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. c.	Improve and clarify the content, structure, and organization of writing by revising, considering feedback from adults and peers.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. e.	Use appropriate print and digital/multimedia tools to produce, enhance, and/or publish writing individually or in collaboration with peers.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. a.	Paraphrase and quote evidence to support ideas while avoiding plagiarism.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. b.	Locate and evaluate credibility of evidence (e.g., motivation and/or potential bias of an information product) from print and digital sources to generate and answer questions and create new understandings.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.7.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas of an informational text and how they are supported with key details.
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STRAND	LA.7.RI.2.	Analyze the relationships and interactions between individuals, events, and/or ideas or concepts, drawing on specific supporting details in an informational text.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.7.RI.4.	Analyze how the major sections of text contribute to the development of ideas in an informational text.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.7.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. c.	Distinguish between the connotations of words with similar denotations (e.g., polite, diplomatic).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. a.	Apply knowledge of rules for capitalization.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas and how they develop over the course of an informational text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.2.	Analyze how particular events, interactions between individuals, or key facts and details contribute to meaning.

CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.4.	Compare and contrast the structure of a specific paragraph in an informational text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.8.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.8.V.2.** **b.** **Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.**

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.8.W.2.** **b.** **Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.8.W.2.** **d.** **Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.**

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.8.W.3.** **b.** **Use literary techniques (e.g., dialogue, pacing, description, multiple plot lines) to develop experiences, events, characters, and settings).**

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to clearly convey ideas and information in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.8.W.5.** **b.** **Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and/or other information and examples.**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.8.W.5.** **c.** **Use appropriate transitions and domain-specific vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary and informational text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 5.	Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems, historical novels, fantasy stories) and their treatment of similar themes and topics.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 6.	Analyze a literary text to answer and develop inferential and evaluative questions to enhance the comprehension of self and others, quoting or paraphrasing specific evidence from the text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 7.	Compare and contrast regional, national, and/or multicultural perspectives within and across literary texts.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.6.RI.1.	Determine the implied or explicit central idea of an informational text and how it develops over the course of a text.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.6.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.6.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. g.	Identify and revise fragment and run-on sentences and inappropriate shifts in verb tenses.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. c.	Improve and clarify the content, structure, and organization of writing by revising, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. e.	Use appropriate print and digital/multimedia tools to produce, enhance, and/or publish writing individually or in collaboration with peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.6.W.4. b. Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.6.W.5. b. Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.6.W.5. c. Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.6.W.5. d. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.6.W.6. a. Paraphrase and quote evidence to support ideas while avoiding plagiarism.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.6.W.6. b. Locate and evaluate credibility of evidence (e.g., motivation and/or potential bias of an information product) from print and digital sources to generate and answer questions and create new understandings.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.6.W.6. c. Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.

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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas of an informational text and how they are supported with key details.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.2.	Analyze the relationships and interactions between individuals, events, and/or ideas or concepts, drawing on specific supporting details in an informational text.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.4.	Analyze how the major sections of text contribute to the development of ideas in an informational text.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. c.	Distinguish between the connotations of words with similar denotations (e.g., polite, diplomatic).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. a.	Apply knowledge of rules for capitalization.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. b.	Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. d.	Use a variety of prepositional and appositive phrases in sentences and paragraphs.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.7.W.4.
b. Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas and how they develop over the course of an informational text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
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STRAND	LA.8.RI.2.	Analyze how particular events, interactions between individuals, or key facts and details contribute to meaning.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.4.	Compare and contrast the structure of a specific paragraph in an informational text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.8.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.V.2. b. Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.

CONTENT STANDARD LA.8. **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.W.2. b. Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.W.2. d. Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.

CONTENT STANDARD LA.8. **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.W.3. b. Use literary techniques (e.g., dialogue, pacing, description, multiple plot lines) to develop experiences, events, characters, and settings.

CONTENT STANDARD LA.8. **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to clearly convey ideas and information in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.W.5. b. Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and/or other information and examples.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.W.5. c. Use appropriate transitions and domain-specific vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.W.5. d. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.

STRAND	LA.6.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.3. c.	Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to signal shifts from one character, time frame, or setting to another.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.3. d.	Use precise words and phrases, descriptive/sensory details, and figurative language to express personal or narrative voice.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and appropriately reflects on the literary experiences or events.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. d.	Use a variety of prepositional and appositive phrases in sentences and paragraphs.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
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INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. c.	Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to signal shifts from one character, time frame, or setting to another.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. d.	Use precise words and phrases, descriptive/sensory details, and figurative language to express personal or narrative voice.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and appropriately reflects on the literary experiences or events.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. d.	Use precise words and phrases, descriptive/sensory details, and figurative language to establish mood and tone and convey a vivid picture.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and reflects upon what is experienced, observed, or left unresolved over the course of the piece.

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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.6.V.2.** Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
b.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.6.W.1.** Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
f.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.6.W.2.** Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
a.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.6.W.2.** Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
b.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.6.W.2.** Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
d.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.6.W.3.** Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to signal shifts from one character, time frame, or setting to another.
c.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.3. d.	Use precise words and phrases, descriptive/sensory details, and figurative language to express personal or narrative voice.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and appropriately reflects on the literary experiences or events.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. d.	Use a variety of prepositional and appositive phrases in sentences and paragraphs.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. c.	Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to signal shifts from one character, time frame, or setting to another.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. d.	Use precise words and phrases, descriptive/sensory details, and figurative language to express personal or narrative voice.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and appropriately reflects on the literary experiences or events.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. d.	Use precise words and phrases, descriptive/sensory details, and figurative language to establish mood and tone and convey a vivid picture.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and reflects upon what is experienced, observed, or left unresolved over the course of the piece.

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary

INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.3. c.	Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to signal shifts from one character, time frame, or setting to another.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.3. d.	Use precise words and phrases, descriptive/sensory details, and figurative language to express personal or narrative voice.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and appropriately reflects on the literary experiences or events.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. d.	Use a variety of prepositional and appositive phrases in sentences and paragraphs.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. c.	Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to signal shifts from one character, time frame, or setting to another.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. d.	Use precise words and phrases, descriptive/sensory details, and figurative language to express personal or narrative voice.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and appropriately reflects on the literary experiences or events.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
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STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
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STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
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STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. d.	Use precise words and phrases, descriptive/sensory details, and figurative language to establish mood and tone and convey a vivid picture.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and reflects upon what is experienced, observed, or left unresolved over the course of the piece.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
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STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
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INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary and informational text.
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STRAND	LA.6.RP.5.	Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems, historical novels, fantasy stories) and their treatment of similar themes and topics.
STRAND	LA.6.RP.6.	Analyze a literary text to answer and develop inferential and evaluative questions to enhance the comprehension of self and others, quoting or paraphrasing specific evidence from the text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP.7.	Compare and contrast regional, national, and/or multicultural perspectives within and across literary texts.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.6.RI.1.	Determine the implied or explicit central idea of an informational text and how it develops over the course of a text.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.6.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.6.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. g.	Identify and revise fragment and run-on sentences and inappropriate shifts in verb tenses.

CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. c.	Improve and clarify the content, structure, and organization of writing by revising, considering feedback from adults and peers.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. e.	Use appropriate print and digital/multimedia tools to produce, enhance, and/or publish writing individually or in collaboration with peers.

CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. a.	Paraphrase and quote evidence to support ideas while avoiding plagiarism.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. b.	Locate and evaluate credibility of evidence (e.g., motivation and/or potential bias of an information product) from print and digital sources to generate and answer questions and create new understandings.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.

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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.7.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas of an informational text and how they are supported with key details.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.2.	Analyze the relationships and interactions between individuals, events, and/or ideas or concepts, drawing on specific supporting details in an informational text.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.7.RI.4.	Analyze how the major sections of text contribute to the development of ideas in an informational text.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.7.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.7.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. b.	Use commonly occurring Greek and Latin affixes and roots to determine the meanings of words (e.g., audience, audible).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. c.	Distinguish between the connotations of words with similar denotations (e.g., polite, diplomatic).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. a.	Apply knowledge of rules for capitalization.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. b.	Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. d.	Use a variety of prepositional and appositive phrases in sentences and paragraphs.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas and how they develop over the course of an informational text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.2.	Analyze how particular events, interactions between individuals, or key facts and details contribute to meaning.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.4.	Compare and contrast the structure of a specific paragraph in an informational text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.8.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. b.	Use literary techniques (e.g., dialogue, pacing, description, multiple plot lines) to develop experiences, events, characters, and settings).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to clearly convey ideas and information in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and/or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and domain-specific vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary and informational text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 5.	Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems, historical novels, fantasy stories) and their treatment of similar themes and topics.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 6.	Analyze a literary text to answer and develop inferential and evaluative questions to enhance the comprehension of self and others, quoting or paraphrasing specific evidence from the text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 7.	Compare and contrast regional, national, and/or multicultural perspectives within and across literary texts.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.6.RI.1.	Determine the implied or explicit central idea of an informational text and how it develops over the course of a text.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.6.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.6.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. g.	Identify and revise fragment and run-on sentences and inappropriate shifts in verb tenses.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. c.	Improve and clarify the content, structure, and organization of writing by revising, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. e.	Use appropriate print and digital/multimedia tools to produce, enhance, and/or publish writing individually or in collaboration with peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. a.	Introduce a topic clearly and provide a general focus, grouping information logically and including text features, illustrations, and/or multimedia elements.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. a.	Paraphrase and quote evidence to support ideas while avoiding plagiarism.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. b.	Locate and evaluate credibility of evidence (e.g., motivation and/or potential bias of an information product) from print and digital sources to generate and answer questions and create new understandings.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.

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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas of an informational text and how they are supported with key details.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.2.	Analyze the relationships and interactions between individuals, events, and/or ideas or concepts, drawing on specific supporting details in an informational text.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.

STRAND LA.7.RI.4. Analyze how the major sections of text contribute to the development of ideas in an informational text.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND LA.7.RI.8. Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.7.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. b.	Use commonly occurring Greek and Latin affixes and roots to determine the meanings of words (e.g., audience, audible).

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. c.	Distinguish between the connotations of words with similar denotations (e.g., polite, diplomatic).

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.

STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. a.	Apply knowledge of rules for capitalization.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. b.	Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. d.	Use a variety of prepositional and appositive phrases in sentences and paragraphs.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
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INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
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STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
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INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
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STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
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INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
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STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. a.	Introduce a topic clearly and provide a specific focus, grouping information logically and including text features, illustrations, and/or multimedia elements.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND LA.8.RI.1. Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas and how they develop over the course of an informational text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.

STRAND LA.8.RI.2. Analyze how particular events, interactions between individuals, or key facts and details contribute to meaning.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.

STRAND LA.8.RI.4. Compare and contrast the structure of a specific paragraph in an informational text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND LA.8.RI.8. Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.8.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.V.1. a. Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.8.V.2.** **b.** **Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.**

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.8.W.2.** **b.** **Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.8.W.2.** **d.** **Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.**

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.8.W.3.** **b.** **Use literary techniques (e.g., dialogue, pacing, description, multiple plot lines) to develop experiences, events, characters, and settings).**

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to clearly convey ideas and information in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.8.W.5.** **a.** **Introduce a topic clearly and provide a specific focus; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories or sections including text features, illustrations, and/or multimedia elements.**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.8.W.5.** **b.** **Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and/or other information and examples.**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and domain-specific vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary and informational text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 5.	Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems, historical novels, fantasy stories) and their treatment of similar themes and topics.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 6.	Analyze a literary text to answer and develop inferential and evaluative questions to enhance the comprehension of self and others, quoting or paraphrasing specific evidence from the text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 7.	Compare and contrast regional, national, and/or multicultural perspectives within and across literary texts.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.6.RI.1.	Determine the implied or explicit central idea of an informational text and how it develops over the course of a text.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.6.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary

INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.6.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. g.	Identify and revise fragment and run-on sentences and inappropriate shifts in verb tenses.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. c.	Improve and clarify the content, structure, and organization of writing by revising, considering feedback from adults and peers.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. e.	Use appropriate print and digital/multimedia tools to produce, enhance, and/or publish writing individually or in collaboration with peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. a.	Paraphrase and quote evidence to support ideas while avoiding plagiarism.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. b.	Locate and evaluate credibility of evidence (e.g., motivation and/or potential bias of an information product) from print and digital sources to generate and answer questions and create new understandings.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and referencing sources in writing and speaking; provide a list of sources using a standard format.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas of an informational text and how they are supported with key details.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.2.	Analyze the relationships and interactions between individuals, events, and/or ideas or concepts, drawing on specific supporting details in an informational text.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.4.	Analyze how the major sections of text contribute to the development of ideas in an informational text.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.7.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. b.	Use commonly occurring Greek and Latin affixes and roots to determine the meanings of words (e.g., audience, audible).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary

INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2.b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2.c.	Distinguish between the connotations of words with similar denotations (e.g., polite, diplomatic).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1.a.	Apply knowledge of rules for capitalization.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1.b.	Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1.d.	Use a variety of prepositional and appositive phrases in sentences and paragraphs.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2.a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2.b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2.d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7. Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7. Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from multiple trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering the research question.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and citing sources within text (e.g., parenthetical and numerical); provide a list of sources using a standard format.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8. Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas and how they develop over the course of an informational text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
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STRAND	LA.8.RI.2.	Analyze how particular events, interactions between individuals, or key facts and details contribute to meaning.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8. Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
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INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.4.	Compare and contrast the structure of a specific paragraph in an informational text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.8.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. b.	Use literary techniques (e.g., dialogue, pacing, description, multiple plot lines) to develop experiences, events, characters, and settings).
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
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STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to clearly convey ideas and information in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and/or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and domain-specific vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
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STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from multiple trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering the research question(s).

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and citing sources within text (e.g., parenthetical and numerical); provide a list of sources using a standard format.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
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STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary and informational text.

STRAND	LA.6.RP.5.	Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems, historical novels, fantasy stories) and their treatment of similar themes and topics.
STRAND	LA.6.RP.6.	Analyze a literary text to answer and develop inferential and evaluative questions to enhance the comprehension of self and others, quoting or paraphrasing specific evidence from the text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP.7.	Compare and contrast regional, national, and/or multicultural perspectives within and across literary texts.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.6.RI.1.	Determine the implied or explicit central idea of an informational text and how it develops over the course of a text.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.6.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.6.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. g.	Identify and revise fragment and run-on sentences and inappropriate shifts in verb tenses.

CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. c.	Improve and clarify the content, structure, and organization of writing by revising, considering feedback from adults and peers.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. e.	Use appropriate print and digital/multimedia tools to produce, enhance, and/or publish writing individually or in collaboration with peers.

CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. a.	Paraphrase and quote evidence to support ideas while avoiding plagiarism.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. b.	Locate and evaluate credibility of evidence (e.g., motivation and/or potential bias of an information product) from print and digital sources to generate and answer questions and create new understandings.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and referencing sources in writing and speaking; provide a list of sources using a standard format.

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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas of an informational text and how they are supported with key details.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.2.	Analyze the relationships and interactions between individuals, events, and/or ideas or concepts, drawing on specific supporting details in an informational text.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
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INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.4.	Analyze how the major sections of text contribute to the development of ideas in an informational text.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.7.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.7.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. b.	Use commonly occurring Greek and Latin affixes and roots to determine the meanings of words (e.g., audience, audible).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. c.	Distinguish between the connotations of words with similar denotations (e.g., polite, diplomatic).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. a.	Apply knowledge of rules for capitalization.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. b.	Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. d.	Use a variety of prepositional and appositive phrases in sentences and paragraphs.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.7.W.4.
b. Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from multiple trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering the research question.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and citing sources within text (e.g., parenthetical and numerical); provide a list of sources using a standard format.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas and how they develop over the course of an informational text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
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STRAND	LA.8.RI.2.	Analyze how particular events, interactions between individuals, or key facts and details contribute to meaning.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.4.	Compare and contrast the structure of a specific paragraph in an informational text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.8.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. b.	Use literary techniques (e.g., dialogue, pacing, description, multiple plot lines) to develop experiences, events, characters, and settings).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to clearly convey ideas and information in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and/or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and domain-specific vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from multiple trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering the research question(s).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and citing sources within text (e.g., parenthetical and numerical); provide a list of sources using a standard format.

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary and informational text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 5.	Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems, historical novels, fantasy stories) and their treatment of similar themes and topics.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 6.	Analyze a literary text to answer and develop inferential and evaluative questions to enhance the comprehension of self and others, quoting or paraphrasing specific evidence from the text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 7.	Compare and contrast regional, national, and/or multicultural perspectives within and across literary texts.

CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing

INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. a.	Paraphrase and quote evidence to support ideas while avoiding plagiarism.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. b.	Locate and evaluate credibility of evidence (e.g., motivation and/or potential bias of an information product) from print and digital sources to generate and answer questions and create new understandings.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).

CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.

STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. d.	Use a variety of prepositional and appositive phrases in sentences and paragraphs.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2021

CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to clearly convey ideas and information in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and/or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and domain-specific vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2021

CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary and informational text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 5.	Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems, historical novels, fantasy stories) and their treatment of similar themes and topics.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 6.	Analyze a literary text to answer and develop inferential and evaluative questions to enhance the comprehension of self and others, quoting or paraphrasing specific evidence from the text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 7.	Compare and contrast regional, national, and/or multicultural perspectives within and across literary texts.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. a.	Paraphrase and quote evidence to support ideas while avoiding plagiarism.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. b.	Locate and evaluate credibility of evidence (e.g., motivation and/or potential bias of an information product) from print and digital sources to generate and answer questions and create new understandings.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.7.V.2.** Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
b.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.7.W.1.** Use a variety of prepositional and appositive phrases in sentences and paragraphs.
d.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.7.W.2.** Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
a.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.7.W.2.** Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
b.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.7.W.2.** Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
d.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.7.W.4.** Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
b.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to clearly convey ideas and information in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and/or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and domain-specific vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2021

CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary and informational text.

STRAND	LA.6.RP. 5.	Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems, historical novels, fantasy stories) and their treatment of similar themes and topics.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 6.	Analyze a literary text to answer and develop inferential and evaluative questions to enhance the comprehension of self and others, quoting or paraphrasing specific evidence from the text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 7.	Compare and contrast regional, national, and/or multicultural perspectives within and across literary texts.

CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
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INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. a.	Paraphrase and quote evidence to support ideas while avoiding plagiarism.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. b.	Locate and evaluate credibility of evidence (e.g., motivation and/or potential bias of an information product) from print and digital sources to generate and answer questions and create new understandings.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. d.	Use a variety of prepositional and appositive phrases in sentences and paragraphs.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to clearly convey ideas and information in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and/or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and domain-specific vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2021

CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary and informational text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 5.	Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems, historical novels, fantasy stories) and their treatment of similar themes and topics.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 6.	Analyze a literary text to answer and develop inferential and evaluative questions to enhance the comprehension of self and others, quoting or paraphrasing specific evidence from the text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 7.	Compare and contrast regional, national, and/or multicultural perspectives within and across literary texts.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.6.V.2.** Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
b.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.6.W.1.** Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
f.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.6.W.2.** Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
a.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.6.W.2.** Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
b.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.6.W.2.** Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
d.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.6.W.4.** Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
b.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. a.	Paraphrase and quote evidence to support ideas while avoiding plagiarism.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. b.	Locate and evaluate credibility of evidence (e.g., motivation and/or potential bias of an information product) from print and digital sources to generate and answer questions and create new understandings.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing

INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. d.	Use a variety of prepositional and appositive phrases in sentences and paragraphs.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to clearly convey ideas and information in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and/or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and domain-specific vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary and informational text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 5.	Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems, historical novels, fantasy stories) and their treatment of similar themes and topics.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 6.	Analyze a literary text to answer and develop inferential and evaluative questions to enhance the comprehension of self and others, quoting or paraphrasing specific evidence from the text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP. 7.	Compare and contrast regional, national, and/or multicultural perspectives within and across literary texts.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. a.	Paraphrase and quote evidence to support ideas while avoiding plagiarism.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. b.	Locate and evaluate credibility of evidence (e.g., motivation and/or potential bias of an information product) from print and digital sources to generate and answer questions and create new understandings.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.7.V.2.** Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
b.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.7.W.1.** Use a variety of prepositional and appositive phrases in sentences and paragraphs.
d.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.7.W.2.** Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
a.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.7.W.2.** Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
b.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.7.W.2.** Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
d.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION **LA.7.W.4.** Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
b.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2021

CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.1. c.	Explain the function of and use different types of verbals in sentences (e.g., gerunds, participles, infinitives).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to clearly convey ideas and information in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and/or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and domain-specific vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2021

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary and informational text.

STRAND	LA.6.RP. 5.	Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems, historical novels, fantasy stories) and their treatment of similar themes and topics.
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STRAND	LA.6.RP. 6.	Analyze a literary text to answer and develop inferential and evaluative questions to enhance the comprehension of self and others, quoting or paraphrasing specific evidence from the text.
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STRAND	LA.6.RP. 7.	Compare and contrast regional, national, and/or multicultural perspectives within and across literary texts.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. a.	Paraphrase and quote evidence to support ideas while avoiding plagiarism.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. b.	Locate and evaluate credibility of evidence (e.g., motivation and/or potential bias of an information product) from print and digital sources to generate and answer questions and create new understandings.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and referencing sources in writing and speaking; provide a list of sources using a standard format.
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Grade 7 - Adopted: 2021

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.7.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. b.	Use commonly occurring Greek and Latin affixes and roots to determine the meanings of words (e.g., audience, audible).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. d.	Use a variety of prepositional and appositive phrases in sentences and paragraphs.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from multiple trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering the research question.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and citing sources within text (e.g., parenthetical and numerical); provide a list of sources using a standard format.
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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2021

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.1. c.	Explain the function of and use different types of verbals in sentences (e.g., gerunds, participles, infinitives).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.

STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to clearly convey ideas and information in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and/or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and domain-specific vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from multiple trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering the research question(s).

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and citing sources within text (e.g., parenthetical and numerical); provide a list of sources using a standard format.
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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2021

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary and informational text.

STRAND	LA.6.RP. 5.	Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems, historical novels, fantasy stories) and their treatment of similar themes and topics.
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STRAND	LA.6.RP.6.	Analyze a literary text to answer and develop inferential and evaluative questions to enhance the comprehension of self and others, quoting or paraphrasing specific evidence from the text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP.7.	Compare and contrast regional, national, and/or multicultural perspectives within and across literary texts.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.6.RI.1.	Determine the implied or explicit central idea of an informational text and how it develops over the course of a text.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.6.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.6.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.1.a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2.b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.

STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. g.	Identify and revise fragment and run-on sentences and inappropriate shifts in verb tenses.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
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INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
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STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. c.	Improve and clarify the content, structure, and organization of writing by revising, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. e.	Use appropriate print and digital/multimedia tools to produce, enhance, and/or publish writing individually or in collaboration with peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
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INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
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STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
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INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
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STRAND	LA.6.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. a.	Paraphrase and quote evidence to support ideas while avoiding plagiarism.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. b.	Locate and evaluate credibility of evidence (e.g., motivation and/or potential bias of an information product) from print and digital sources to generate and answer questions and create new understandings.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and referencing sources in writing and speaking; provide a list of sources using a standard format.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.7.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas of an informational text and how they are supported with key details.
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STRAND	LA.7.RI.2.	Analyze the relationships and interactions between individuals, events, and/or ideas or concepts, drawing on specific supporting details in an informational text.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.7.RI.4.	Analyze how the major sections of text contribute to the development of ideas in an informational text.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.7.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.7.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. b.	Use commonly occurring Greek and Latin affixes and roots to determine the meanings of words (e.g., audience, audible).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. c.	Distinguish between the connotations of words with similar denotations (e.g., polite, diplomatic).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. a.	Apply knowledge of rules for capitalization.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. b.	Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. d.	Use a variety of prepositional and appositive phrases in sentences and paragraphs.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from multiple trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering the research question.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and citing sources within text (e.g., parenthetical and numerical); provide a list of sources using a standard format.

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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas and how they develop over the course of an informational text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.2.	Analyze how particular events, interactions between individuals, or key facts and details contribute to meaning.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.4.	Compare and contrast the structure of a specific paragraph in an informational text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.8.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.1. c.	Explain the function of and use different types of verbals in sentences (e.g., gerunds, participles, infinitives).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. b.	Use literary techniques (e.g., dialogue, pacing, description, multiple plot lines) to develop experiences, events, characters, and settings.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to clearly convey ideas and information in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and/or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and domain-specific vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from multiple trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering the research question(s).

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and citing sources within text (e.g., parenthetical and numerical); provide a list of sources using a standard format.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary and informational text.

STRAND	LA.6.RP. 5.	Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems, historical novels, fantasy stories) and their treatment of similar themes and topics.
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STRAND	LA.6.RP.6.	Analyze a literary text to answer and develop inferential and evaluative questions to enhance the comprehension of self and others, quoting or paraphrasing specific evidence from the text.
STRAND	LA.6.RP.7.	Compare and contrast regional, national, and/or multicultural perspectives within and across literary texts.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2.b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1.f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2.a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2.b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2.d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6. Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6. Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. a.	Paraphrase and quote evidence to support ideas while avoiding plagiarism.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. b.	Locate and evaluate credibility of evidence (e.g., motivation and/or potential bias of an information product) from print and digital sources to generate and answer questions and create new understandings.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and referencing sources in writing and speaking; provide a list of sources using a standard format.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7. Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

STRAND	LA.7.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. b.	Use commonly occurring Greek and Latin affixes and roots to determine the meanings of words (e.g., audience, audible).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. d.	Use a variety of prepositional and appositive phrases in sentences and paragraphs.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.

STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. b.	Develop a topic with information (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) related to the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. d.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from multiple trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering the research question.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.6. c.	Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and citing sources within text (e.g., parenthetical and numerical); provide a list of sources using a standard format.

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.W.1.
c. Explain the function of and use different types of verbals in sentences (e.g., gerunds, participles, infinitives).

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.W.2.
b. Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.W.2.
d. Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to clearly convey ideas and information in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.W.5.
b. Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and/or other information and examples.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.W.5.
c. Use appropriate transitions and domain-specific vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.W.5.
d. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation(s).

CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from multiple trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering the research question(s).

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION LA.8.W.6.
c. Select and use appropriate note-taking formats to collect and organize information.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and citing sources within text (e.g., parenthetical and numerical); provide a list of sources using a standard format.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.6.RP. 8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of literary text of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.6.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.6.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
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STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
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STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
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STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and referencing sources in writing and speaking; provide a list of sources using a standard format.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level literary text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.7.RP. 8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of literary texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.7.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. b.	Use commonly occurring Greek and Latin affixes and roots to determine the meanings of words (e.g., audience, audible).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. d.	Use a variety of prepositional and appositive phrases in sentences and paragraphs.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.

STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. b.	Use literary techniques (e.g., dialogue, pacing, description) to develop characters, events, settings, and conflicts.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from multiple trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering the research question.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and citing sources within text (e.g., parenthetical and numerical); provide a list of sources using a standard format.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7. Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening
INDICATOR		Comprehension and Collaboration Communicate effectively and appropriately in collaborative activities for a variety of tasks, purposes, and audiences to express ideas, share knowledge, and generate new understandings.
STRAND	LA.7.SL.1	Prepare for and participate in structured discussions and collaborations about 7th grade topics and texts.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.SL.1. e.	Complete a task following multi-step directions.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7. Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening
INDICATOR		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas Present information, findings, and supporting evidence in which the organization, development, and style are appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.SL.2	Present claims and findings, emphasizing key ideas in a focused, coherent manner with relevant descriptions, facts, details, and examples to clarify themes or central ideas.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.SL.2. a.	Demonstrate and adjust speaking techniques (e.g., appropriate eye contact, pacing, adequate volume, clear pronunciation) for a variety of purposes and situations, including interpreting 7th grade texts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.SL.2. b.	Convey a perspective with clear reasoning and valid evidence.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8. Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level literary text.

STRAND	LA.8.RP. 1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit themes of a text and how they develop over the course of a literary text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
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STRAND	LA.8.RP. 2.	Analyze how particular events, lines of dialogue, or descriptive details develop the plot, reveal aspects of characters, or create meaning.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8. Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level literary text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.8.RP.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of literary texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas and how they develop over the course of an informational text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.5.	Analyze how two or more texts provide conflicting information on the same topic, including where the texts disagree on matters of evidence or interpretation.
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STRAND	LA.8.RI.6.	Analyze the development of an argument and evaluate the effectiveness of the type(s) of reasoning used to support the argument.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.8.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.1.a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.1. c.	Explain the function of and use different types of verbals in sentences (e.g., gerunds, participles, infinitives).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.1. e.	Use appropriate parallel structure in words, phrases, and clauses.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and reflects upon what is experienced, observed, or left unresolved over the course of the piece.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.4. a.	Develop a structure to sequence ideas appropriately; introduce a clear claim where appropriate.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from multiple trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering the research question(s).

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and citing sources within text (e.g., parenthetical and numerical); provide a list of sources using a standard format.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level literary text.

STRAND	LA.6.RP. 1.	Determine the implied or explicit theme of a literary text and how it develops over the course of a text.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.6.RP. 8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of literary text of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
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STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
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STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
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STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and referencing sources in writing and speaking; provide a list of sources using a standard format.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level literary text.
STRAND	LA.7.RP. 1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit themes in a literary text and how they are supported with key details.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Author's Craft Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level literary text.
STRAND	LA.7.RP. 3.	Analyze how an author establishes, conveys, and contrasts the points of view of different characters or narrators in a literary text.
STRAND	LA.7.RP. 4.	Analyze the structure of a literary text, and how the structure contributes to its theme(s) and meaning.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary text.
STRAND	LA.7.RP. 5.	Compare and contrast a fictional portrayal of a time, place, or character and a historical account of the same period.
STRAND	LA.7.RP. 6.	Synthesize the implied or stated theme(s) in a literary text to draw conclusions and deepen understanding of self and others.
STRAND	LA.7.RP. 7.	Compare and contrast regional, national, and/or multicultural perspectives by explaining how an author or narrator/speaker introduces, illustrates, or describes characters or individuals, events, and ideas within and across literary texts.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level literary text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.7.RP. 8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of literary texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary

INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.7.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. b.	Use commonly occurring Greek and Latin affixes and roots to determine the meanings of words (e.g., audience, audible).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. d.	Use a variety of prepositional and appositive phrases in sentences and paragraphs.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. b.	Use literary techniques (e.g., dialogue, pacing, description) to develop characters, events, settings, and conflicts.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from multiple trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering the research question.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and citing sources within text (e.g., parenthetical and numerical); provide a list of sources using a standard format.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening
INDICATOR		Comprehension and Collaboration Communicate effectively and appropriately in collaborative activities for a variety of tasks, purposes, and audiences to express ideas, share knowledge, and generate new understandings.
STRAND	LA.7.SL.1	Prepare for and participate in structured discussions and collaborations about 7th grade topics and texts.

GRADE LEVEL	LA.7.SL.1	Complete a task following multi-step directions.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level literary text.

STRAND	LA.8.RP.	Determine two or more implied or explicit themes of a text and how they develop over the course of a literary text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
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STRAND	LA.8.RP.	Analyze how particular events, lines of dialogue, or descriptive details develop the plot, reveal aspects of characters, or create meaning.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary text.

STRAND	LA.8.RP.	Analyze how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious works.
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STRAND	LA.8.RP.	Synthesize the implied or stated theme(s) in a literary text to draw conclusions and deepen understanding of self and others.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level literary text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.8.RP.	Read and comprehend a wide range of literary texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas and how they develop over the course of an informational text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level informational text.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.5.	Analyze how two or more texts provide conflicting information on the same topic, including where the texts disagree on matters of evidence or interpretation.
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STRAND	LA.8.RI.6.	Analyze the development of an argument and evaluate the effectiveness of the type(s) of reasoning used to support the argument.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.

STRAND	LA.8.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.1. c.	Explain the function of and use different types of verbals in sentences (e.g., gerunds, participles, infinitives).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.1. e.	Use appropriate parallel structure in words, phrases, and clauses.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.8.** **Grade 8 Standards**

STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.

STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2.b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2.d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from multiple trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering the research question(s).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.6.d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and citing sources within text (e.g., parenthetical and numerical); provide a list of sources using a standard format.

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.6.RP.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of literary text of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.6.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.6.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.6.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.1. f.	Distinguish between and use different types of phrases (e.g., prepositional and appositive).
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.6.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.6.** **Grade 6 Standards**

STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.4.	Write arguments that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.4. b.	Use relevant evidence from two or more credible sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.6.	Grade 6 Standards
STRAND	LA.6.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.6.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering a research question.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.6.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and referencing sources in writing and speaking; provide a list of sources using a standard format.

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level literary text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.7.RP. 8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of literary texts of appropriate complexity for the 6-8 grade band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.7.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.1. b.	Use commonly occurring Greek and Latin affixes and roots to determine the meanings of words (e.g., audience, audible).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.7.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category).
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.1. d.	Use a variety of prepositional and appositive phrases in sentences and paragraphs.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. a.	Use prewriting activities and inquiry tools to plan, organize, and draft writing.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.3. b.	Use literary techniques (e.g., dialogue, pacing, description) to develop characters, events, settings, and conflicts.
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CONTENT STANDARD **LA.7.** **Grade 7 Standards**

STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.4. b.	Explain and cite relevant evidence from multiple credible sources.
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STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
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INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.5.	Write informative/explanatory pieces to examine a topic or text and clearly convey ideas and information.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.5. c.	Use appropriate transitions and key vocabulary to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.7.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from multiple trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering the research question.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and citing sources within text (e.g., parenthetical and numerical); provide a list of sources using a standard format.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening
INDICATOR		Comprehension and Collaboration Communicate effectively and appropriately in collaborative activities for a variety of tasks, purposes, and audiences to express ideas, share knowledge, and generate new understandings.
STRAND	LA.7.SL.1	Prepare for and participate in structured discussions and collaborations about 7th grade topics and texts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.SL.1 .e.	Complete a task following multi-step directions.

CONTENT STANDARD	LA.7.	Grade 7 Standards
STRAND	LA.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening
INDICATOR		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas Present information, findings, and supporting evidence in which the organization, development, and style are appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.7.SL.2	Present claims and findings, emphasizing key ideas in a focused, coherent manner with relevant descriptions, facts, details, and examples to clarify themes or central ideas.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.SL.2 .a.	Demonstrate and adjust speaking techniques (e.g., appropriate eye contact, pacing, adequate volume, clear pronunciation) for a variety of purposes and situations, including interpreting 7th grade texts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.7.SL.2 .b.	Convey a perspective with clear reasoning and valid evidence.

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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
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STRAND	LA.8.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level literary text.
STRAND	LA.8.RP. 1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit themes of a text and how they develop over the course of a literary text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
STRAND	LA.8.RP. 2.	Analyze how particular events, lines of dialogue, or descriptive details develop the plot, reveal aspects of characters, or create meaning.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RP.	Reading Prose and Poetry
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level literary text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.8.RP. 8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of literary texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Central Ideas and Details Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.1.	Determine two or more implied or explicit central ideas and how they develop over the course of an informational text, including their relationship to supporting ideas.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Knowledge and Ideas Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level informational text.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.5.	Analyze how two or more texts provide conflicting information on the same topic, including where the texts disagree on matters of evidence or interpretation.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.6.	Analyze the development of an argument and evaluate the effectiveness of the type(s) of reasoning used to support the argument.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.RI.	Reading Informational Text
INDICATOR		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Read and comprehend complex, grade-level informational text independently and proficiently.
STRAND	LA.8.RI.8.	Read and comprehend a wide range of informational texts of appropriate complexity at the high end of the 6-8 grade band independently and proficiently.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards

STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Acquisition and Use Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and discipline-specific grade-level vocabulary and apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
STRAND	LA.8.V.1.	Integrate grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately for a variety of tasks and purposes.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.1. a.	Use context clues (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
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STRAND	LA.8.V.	Vocabulary
INDICATOR		Context and Connotation Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
STRAND	LA.8.V.2.	Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in grade-level literary and informational text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.V.2. b.	Determine the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
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STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.1.	Create grammatically correct multi-paragraph compositions with varied sentence structures.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.1. c.	Explain the function of and use different types of verbals in sentences (e.g., gerunds, participles, infinitives).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.1. e.	Use appropriate parallel structure in words, phrases, and clauses.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
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STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Production of Writing Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.
STRAND	LA.8.W.2.	Use a recursive writing process to develop, strengthen, and produce writing appropriate to the audience, purpose, and discipline.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. b.	Adapt writing processes to sustain engagement in short and long-term writing tasks of increasing length and complexity.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.2. d.	Improve and clarify writing by editing and proofreading, considering feedback from adults and peers.
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CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
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STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.

STRAND	LA.8.W.3.	Write in a variety of literary forms to convey real or imagined experiences or events in which the development and structure are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.3. e.	Provide a conclusion that is clearly related to and reflects upon what is experienced, observed, or left unresolved over the course of the piece.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.4.	Write arguments that develop a perspective with supporting reasons and evidence, organized as appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.4. a.	Develop a structure to sequence ideas appropriately; introduce a clear claim where appropriate.
CONTENT STANDARD	LA.8.	Grade 8 Standards
STRAND	LA.8.W.	Writing
INDICATOR		Modes of Writing Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
STRAND	LA.8.W.6.	Gather and use credible evidence from multiple trustworthy sources and assess its relevance in answering the research question(s).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	LA.8.W.6. d.	Demonstrate academic integrity by avoiding overreliance on any one source and citing sources within text (e.g., parenthetical and numerical); provide a list of sources using a standard format.