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Secondary Criteria: Iowa Student Standards

Subject: Language Arts

Grades: 6, 7, 8

Wonders of Science Writing Lessons

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Iowa Student Standards

Language Arts

Grade 6 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

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

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RI.6.1.

Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RI.6.2.

Analyze informational text development.GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

RI.6.2.a.

Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RI.6.3.

Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through specific text examples). (RI.6.3) (DOK 2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RI.6.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings. (RI.6.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RI.6.5.

Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas. (RI.6.5) (DOK 2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RI.6.7.

Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue. (RI.6.7) (DOK 3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.6.4) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE

Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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Iowa Student Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

4

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

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

2

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

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

3

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

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

4

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

9

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

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

1

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.2.	Analyze informational text development.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RI.7.2.a.	Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development throughout the text.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events). (RI.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. (RI.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.7.1.

Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.1.d.

Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.7.4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

SL.7.1.

Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

SL.7.1.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

SL.7.1.c.

Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

SL.7.1.d.

Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.7.4) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
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STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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Iowa Student Standards

Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices and phrases on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RI.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

**STRAND /
COURSE****Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

SL.8.4.

Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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**DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR**

L.8.4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

L.8.4.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

L.8.4.d.

Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.8.4) (DOK 2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

L.8.6.

Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.1.

Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.2.

Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRH.6-
8.10.

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRST.6-
8.1.

Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)

DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRST.6-
8.2.

Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRST.6-
8.4.

Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)

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COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRST.6-
8.8.

Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

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COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRST.6-
8.10.

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

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**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

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

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.2.	Analyze informational text development.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION RI.6.2.a. Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details.

STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR RI.6.3. Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through specific text examples). (RI.6.3) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR RI.6.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings. (RI.6.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR RI.6.5. Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas. (RI.6.5) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR RI.6.7. Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue. (RI.6.7) (DOK 3,4)

STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR W.6.1. **Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION W.6.1.d. Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.

STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR W.6.2. **Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions, words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows the information or explanation presented. (W.6.2) (DOK 3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE

Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.6.4) (DOK 2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.10.

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.1.

Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.2.

Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.4.

Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.8.

Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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Iowa Student Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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STRAND / COURSE College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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STRAND / COURSE College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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STRAND / COURSE College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.1.

Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.2.	Analyze informational text development.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

RI.7.2.a.

Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development throughout the text.

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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.3.

Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events). (RI.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. (RI.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.7.1.d.

Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.7.2) (DOK 3,4)

STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.7.4) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE	Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12	

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
STRAND / COURSE	Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12	

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity	
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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Language Arts

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STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Key Ideas and Details	
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Craft and Structure	
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices and phrases on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RI.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.8.2) (DOK 3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE **Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)

STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.8.4) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

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

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.2.	Analyze informational text development.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RI.6.2.a.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through specific text examples). (RI.6.3) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings. (RI.6.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas. (RI.6.5) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue. (RI.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.1.d.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions, words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows the information or explanation presented. (W.6.2) (DOK 3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.9.b.	Apply grade 6 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not”). (W.6.9) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others’ writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.6.4) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.2.	Analyze informational text development.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RI.7.2.a.	Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development throughout the text.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events). (RI.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. (RI.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.7.2) (DOK 3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.7.4) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

Iowa Student Standards

Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

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

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12		

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices and phrases on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RI.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.8.2) (DOK 3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

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Speaking and Listening Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

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Speaking and Listening Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.8.4) (DOK 2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
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**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRH.6-
8.10.

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRST.6-
8.1.

Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)

DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRST.6-
8.2.

Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)

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COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRST.6-
8.4.

Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRST.6-
8.8.

Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.6.1.

Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.6.2.

Analyze informational text development.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

RI.6.2.a.

Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details.

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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.6.3.

Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through specific text examples). (RI.6.3) (DOK 2,3)

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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.6.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings. (RI.6.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.6.5.

Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas. (RI.6.5) (DOK 2,3)

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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.6.7.

Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue. (RI.6.7) (DOK 3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.6.1.

Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.1.d.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions, words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows the information or explanation presented. (W.6.2) (DOK 3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.9.b.	Apply grade 6 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not”). (W.6.9) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others’ writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE	Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12	

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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Iowa Student Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

3

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

6

Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.1.

Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.2.

Analyze informational text development.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

RI.7.2.a.

Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development throughout the text.

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.3.

Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events). (RI.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. (RI.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.7.2) (DOK 3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims"). (W.7.9) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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**STRAND /
COURSE****Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

SL.7.4.

Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

L.7.3.

Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

L.7.3.a.

Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

L.7.4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

L.7.4.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

L.7.4.d.

Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.7.4) (DOK 2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

L.7.6.

Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.1.

Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.2.

Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.10.

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.1.

Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.2.

Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.4.

Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.8.

Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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Iowa Student Standards

Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices and phrases on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RI.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.8.2) (DOK 3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

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Speaking and Listening Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

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Speaking and Listening Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR SL.8.4. Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION L.8.1.d. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION L.8.4.a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION L.8.4.d. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.8.4) (DOK 2,3)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR L.8.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)

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Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR RH.6-8.1. Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR RH.6-8.2. Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRH.6-
8.10.

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRST.6-
8.1.

Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)

DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRST.6-
8.2.

Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRST.6-
8.4.

Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRST.6-
8.8.

Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literature 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.6.3.	Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution. (RL.6.3) (DOK 2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RL.6.5.

Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot. (RL.6.5) (DOK 2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RL.6.10.

By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. (RL.6.10) (DOK 1,2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.6.1.

Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.6.1.d.

Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.6.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.6.2.e.

Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.6.3.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.6.3.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.6.3.c.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows the narrated experiences or events. (W.6.3) (DOK 3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE

Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE

Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.c.	Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.6.4) (DOK 2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)
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Iowa Student Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot). (RL.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. (RL.7.10) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.a.	Introduce claim(s), acknowledge alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events. (W.7.3) (DOK 3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE

Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE

Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE

Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.c.	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.7.4) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE

Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)
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Iowa Student Standards

Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / COURSE Reading Standards for Literature 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE Reading Standards for Literature 6–12		

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RL.8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RL.8.4) (DOK 2,3)

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Reading Standards for Literature 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RL.8.10.

By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 complexity band independently and proficiently. (RL.8.10) (DOK 1,2)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.8.1.

Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.1.d.

Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.8.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.2.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.2.b.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.2.c.

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

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.8.3.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.3.c.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows and reflects on the narrated experiences or events. (W.8.3) (DOK 3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.c.	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.8.4) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)
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**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

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

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literature 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.6.3.	Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution. (RL.6.3) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literature 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot. (RL.6.5) (DOK 2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RL.6.10.

By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. (RL.6.10) (DOK 1,2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.6.1.

Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.6.1.d.

Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.6.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.6.2.b.

Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.6.2.e.

Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.6.3.

Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.6.3.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.6.3.c.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.6.3.d.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.6.3.e.

Provide a conclusion that follows the narrated experiences or events. (W.6.3) (DOK 3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (W.6.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6–12**

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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Reading Standards for Literature 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot). (RL.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
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Reading Standards for Literature 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. (RL.7.10) (DOK 1,2)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.a.	Introduce claim(s), acknowledge alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.7.2.b.

Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.7.3.c.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.7.3.e.

Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events. (W.7.3) (DOK 3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.7.4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.7.5.

With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.7.8.

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE **Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.c.	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.7.4) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE

Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.5.b.	Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonym/antonym, analogy) to better understand each of the words.
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STRAND / COURSE

Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RL.8.4) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 complexity band independently and proficiently. (RL.8.10) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows and reflects on the narrated experiences or events. (W.8.3) (DOK 3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE

Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE

Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.c.	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.8.4) (DOK 2,3)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION L.8.5.b. Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR L.8.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)

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Language Arts

Grade 6 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

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

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

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Reading Standards for Literature 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.6.3.	Describe how a particular story’s or drama’s plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution. (RL.6.3) (DOK 2,3)

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Reading Standards for Literature 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot. (RL.6.5) (DOK 2,3)

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Reading Standards for Literature 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.6.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. (RL.6.10) (DOK 1,2)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.1.d.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows the narrated experiences or events. (W.6.3) (DOK 3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (W.6.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.6.4) (DOK 2,3)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)
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Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot). (RL.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. (RL.7.10) (DOK 1,2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.a.	Introduce claim(s), acknowledge alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events. (W.7.3) (DOK 3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.7.4) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)
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Iowa Student Standards

Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

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

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

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Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

3

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

4

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

6

Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RL.8.1.

Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RL.8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RL.8.4) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 complexity band independently and proficiently. (RL.8.10) (DOK 1,2)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows and reflects on the narrated experiences or events. (W.8.3) (DOK 3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE

Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.8.4) (DOK 2,3)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)

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Iowa Student Standards

Language Arts

Grade 6 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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Reading Standards for Literature 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.6.3.	Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution. (RL.6.3) (DOK 2,3)
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Reading Standards for Literature 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot. (RL.6.5) (DOK 2,3)
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Reading Standards for Literature 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.6.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. (RL.6.10) (DOK 1,2)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.6.1.d. Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.6.2.b. Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.6.2.e. Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.6.3.a. Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.6.3.c. Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.6.3.d. Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.6.3.e. Provide a conclusion that follows the narrated experiences or events. (W.6.3) (DOK 3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.6.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.6.5. With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (W.6.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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Reading Standards for Literature 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot). (RL.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
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Reading Standards for Literature 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. (RL.7.10) (DOK 1,2)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.a.	Introduce claim(s), acknowledge alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events. (W.7.3) (DOK 3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE

Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.7.4) (DOK 2,3)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)

Iowa Student Standards

Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

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

STRAND / COURSE College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

STRAND / COURSE College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STRAND / COURSE College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

STRAND / COURSE College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RL.8.4) (DOK 2,3)
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**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RL.8.10.

By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 complexity band independently and proficiently. (RL.8.10) (DOK 1,2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.8.1.

Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.8.1.d.

Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.8.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.8.2.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.8.2.b.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.8.2.c.

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

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.8.3.

Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.8.3.c.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.8.3.e.

Provide a conclusion that follows and reflects on the narrated experiences or events. (W.8.3) (DOK 3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE

Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

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

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.2.	Analyze informational text development.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RI.6.2.a.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through specific text examples). (RI.6.3) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings. (RI.6.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas. (RI.6.5) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue. (RI.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.1.d.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions, words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows the information or explanation presented. (W.6.2) (DOK 3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (W.6.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.9.b.	Apply grade 6 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not”). (W.6.9) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE **Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.6.4) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

L.6.6.

Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.1.

Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.2.

Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.10.

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.1.

Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.2.

Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.2.	Analyze informational text development.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RI.7.2.a.	Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development throughout the text.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events). (RI.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. (RI.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.1.d.

Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.2.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.2.b.

Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.2.c.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.2.d.

Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.2.f.

Provide a concluding statement or section that follows and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.7.2) (DOK 3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.7.5.

With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims”). (W.7.9) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others’ questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.7.4) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

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Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2024

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

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

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices and phrases on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RI.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.8.2) (DOK 3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.8.8.

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.8.10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

SL.8.1.

Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

SL.8.1.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

SL.8.1.c.

Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

SL.8.1.d.

Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

SL.8.4.

Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.8.4) (DOK 2,3)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)

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Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)

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Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2024

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

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

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.2.	Analyze informational text development.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION RI.6.2.a. Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details.

STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR RI.6.3. Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through specific text examples). (RI.6.3) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR RI.6.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings. (RI.6.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR RI.6.5. Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas. (RI.6.5) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR RI.6.7. Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue. (RI.6.7) (DOK 3,4)

STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR W.6.1. Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION W.6.1.d. Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.

STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR W.6.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions, words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows the information or explanation presented. (W.6.2) (DOK 3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (W.6.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.9.b.	Apply grade 6 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not”). (W.6.9) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.6.10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

SL.6.1.

Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

SL.6.1.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

SL.6.1.c.

Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

SL.6.1.d.

Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

L.6.1.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

L.6.1.d.

Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

L.6.1.e.

Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

L.6.4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

L.6.4.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

L.6.4.c.

Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.6.4) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		
Language Standards 6-12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.4.

Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.8.

Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.10.

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

Iowa Student Standards**Language Arts**

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

1

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

2

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

3

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

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

3

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

4

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

6

Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.1.

Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.2.

Analyze informational text development.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

RI.7.2.a.

Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development throughout the text.

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.3.

Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events). (RI.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. (RI.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.7.2) (DOK 3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims"). (W.7.9) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

SL.7.4.

Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

L.7.3.

Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

L.7.3.a.

Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

L.7.4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

L.7.4.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

L.7.4.c.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

L.7.4.d.

Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.7.4) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

L.7.5.

Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

L.7.5.b.

Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonym/antonym, analogy) to better understand each of the words.

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12****ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL****Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.8.

Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12****ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.10.

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

Iowa Student Standards**Language Arts**

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL****Key Ideas and Details**

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

1

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

2

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

3

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

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL****Craft and Structure**

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

4

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

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL****Text Types and Purposes***

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

2

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE

Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices and phrases on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RI.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.8.2) (DOK 3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.c.	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.8.4) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.5.b.	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

L.8.6.

Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.1.

Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.2.

Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRH.6-
8.10.

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRST.6-
8.1.

Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)

DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRST.6-
8.2.

Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)

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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

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

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.2.	Analyze informational text development.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RI.6.2.a.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details.
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through specific text examples). (RI.6.3) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings. (RI.6.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas. (RI.6.5) (DOK 2,3)
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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue. (RI.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.1.d.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions, words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows the information or explanation presented. (W.6.2) (DOK 3,4)
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**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (W.6.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.9.b.	Apply grade 6 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not”). (W.6.9) (DOK 2,3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.6.4) (DOK 2,3)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)

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Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.10.

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

Iowa Student Standards**Language Arts**

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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

1

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

2

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

3

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

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

4

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

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

2

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

3

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

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.1.

Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.2.

Analyze informational text development.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

RI.7.2.a.

Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development throughout the text.

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.3.

Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events). (RI.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. (RI.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.7.1.

Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.7.1.d.

Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.7.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.7.2) (DOK 3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims”). (W.7.9) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

1

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

3

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

4

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

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

6

Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RI.8.1.

Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RI.8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices and phrases on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RI.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.1.d.

Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.2.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.2.b.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.2.c.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.2.d.

Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.2.f.

Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.8.2) (DOK 3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.8.4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.8.5.

With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.8.8.

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.8.4) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

4

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

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

2

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

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

3

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

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

4

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

5

Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

9

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

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

10

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.2.	Analyze informational text development.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RI.6.2.a.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through specific text examples). (RI.6.3) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings. (RI.6.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas. (RI.6.5) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue. (RI.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.1.d.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions, words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

L.6.6.

Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.1.

Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.2.

Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRH.6-
8.10.

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRST.6-
8.1.

Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)

DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRST.6-
8.2.

Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)

STRAND / COURSE

Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

STRAND / COURSE

Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

Iowa Student Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

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

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.2.	Analyze informational text development.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RI.7.2.a.	Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development throughout the text.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events). (RI.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. (RI.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.1.d.

Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.2.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.2.b.

Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.2.c.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.2.d.

Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.2.f.

Provide a concluding statement or section that follows and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.7.2) (DOK 3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.7.5.

With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims”). (W.7.9) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others’ questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.7.4) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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Iowa Student Standards**Language Arts****Grade 8 - Adopted: 2024****STRAND / COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RI.8.1.

Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RI.8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices and phrases on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RI.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.8.1.

Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.8.1.d.

Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.8.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.8.2.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.8.2.b.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.8.2.c.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.8.2.d.

Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.8.2.f.

Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.8.2) (DOK 3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE

Speaking and Listening Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE

Speaking and Listening Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR RH.6-8.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)

STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR RH.6-8.10. By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)

STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR RST.6-8.1. Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR RST.6-8.2. Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)

STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR RST.6-8.4. Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)

STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR RST.6-8.8. Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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Language Arts

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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

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

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12		

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.2.	Analyze informational text development.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RI.6.2.a.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through specific text examples). (RI.6.3) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings. (RI.6.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas. (RI.6.5) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue. (RI.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.1.d.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows the narrated experiences or events. (W.6.3) (DOK 3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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Iowa Student Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.2.	Analyze informational text development.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RI.7.2.a.	Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development throughout the text.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.3.

Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events). (RI.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. (RI.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.7.1.

Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.1.a.

Introduce claim(s), acknowledge alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.1.d.

Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.7.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.2.b.

Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.7.3.

Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.3.c.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events. (W.7.3) (DOK 3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

SL.7.4.

Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

L.7.1.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

L.7.1.b.

Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

L.7.3.

Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

L.7.3.a.

Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

L.7.4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

L.7.4.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

L.7.4.d.

Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.7.4) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

L.7.6.

Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

STRAND / COURSE

Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

Iowa Student Standards

Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

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

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices and phrases on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RI.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows and reflects on the narrated experiences or events. (W.8.3) (DOK 3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.8.4) (DOK 2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.1.d.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows the narrated experiences or events. (W.6.3) (DOK 3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (W.6.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.

STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.c.	Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.

STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.a.	Introduce claim(s), acknowledge alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION W.7.2.b. Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION W.7.3.c. Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION W.7.3.e. Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events. (W.7.3) (DOK 3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR W.7.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR W.7.5. With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR W.7.8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE

Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

L.7.4.c.

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

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)

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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows and reflects on the narrated experiences or events. (W.8.3) (DOK 3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.c.	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.1.d.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE

Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)

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Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2024

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.a.	Introduce claim(s), acknowledge alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events. (W.7.3) (DOK 3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)

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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows and reflects on the narrated experiences or events. (W.8.3) (DOK 3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)

STRAND / COURSE

Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

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

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.2.	Analyze informational text development.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RI.6.2.a.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details.
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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through specific text examples). (RI.6.3) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings. (RI.6.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas. (RI.6.5) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue. (RI.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.1.d.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions, words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows the information or explanation presented. (W.6.2) (DOK 3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. (W.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (W.6.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.9.b.	Apply grade 6 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not”). (W.6.9) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.6.4) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		
Language Standards 6-12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.4.

Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.8.

Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.10.

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

Iowa Student Standards**Language Arts**

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

2

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

3

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

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.2.	Analyze informational text development.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RI.7.2.a.	Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development throughout the text.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events). (RI.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. (RI.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.7.1.

Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.1.d.

Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.7.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.2.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.2.b.

Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.2.c.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.2.d.

Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.2.f.

Provide a concluding statement or section that follows and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.7.2) (DOK 3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.7.4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims"). (W.7.9) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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**STRAND /
COURSE****Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

SL.7.4.

Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

L.7.1.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

L.7.1.b.

Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

L.7.3.

Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

L.7.3.a.

Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

L.7.4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

L.7.4.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

L.7.4.d.

Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.7.4) (DOK 2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

L.7.6.

Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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Language Arts

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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices and phrases on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RI.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.8.2) (DOK 3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. (W.8.7) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.8.4) (DOK 2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

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Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

2

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

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

3

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

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

4

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

5

Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

7

Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

8

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

9

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

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.2.	Analyze informational text development.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RI.6.2.a.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RI.6.3.

Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through specific text examples). (RI.6.3) (DOK 2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RI.6.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings. (RI.6.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RI.6.5.

Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas. (RI.6.5) (DOK 2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RI.6.7.

Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue. (RI.6.7) (DOK 3,4)

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RI.6.9.

Compare and contrast one author's presentation of events with that of another (e.g., a memoir written by and a biography on the same person). (RI.6.9) (DOK 3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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**DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR****W.6.1.****Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.**GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.6.1.d.

Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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**DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR****W.6.2.****Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.**GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.6.2.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions, words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows the information or explanation presented. (W.6.2) (DOK 3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. (W.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (W.6.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.9.a.	Apply grade 6 Reading standards to literature (e.g., “Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems; historical novels and fantasy stories) in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics”).

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.9.b.	Apply grade 6 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not”). (W.6.9) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE **Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others’ writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.9.	Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video, or multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic. (RST.6-8.9)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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Iowa Student Standards**Language Arts**

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	7	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.2.	Analyze informational text development.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RI.7.2.a.	Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development throughout the text.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events). (RI.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. (RI.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.9.	Analyze how two or more authors writing about the same topic shape their presentations of key information by emphasizing different evidence or advancing different interpretations of facts. (RI.7.9) (DOK 3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.7.2) (DOK 3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation. (W.7.7) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.9.	Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video, or multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic. (RST.6-8.9)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

Iowa Student Standards

Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

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

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	7	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices and phrases on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RI.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.8.2) (DOK 3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. (W.8.7) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE

Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE

Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)

STRAND / COURSE

Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.8.4) (DOK 2,3)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.9.	Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video, or multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic. (RST.6-8.9)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

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

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	7	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.2.	Analyze informational text development.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RI.6.2.a.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details.
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through specific text examples). (RI.6.3) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings. (RI.6.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas. (RI.6.5) (DOK 2,3)
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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue. (RI.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.1.d.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions, words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows the information or explanation presented. (W.6.2) (DOK 3,4)
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**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. (W.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (W.6.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.9.b.	Apply grade 6 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not”). (W.6.9) (DOK 2,3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.6.4) (DOK 2,3)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE	Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12	

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
STRAND / COURSE	Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12	

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity	
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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Iowa Student Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Key Ideas and Details	
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Craft and Structure	
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	7	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

3

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

4

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

6

Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.1.

Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.2.

Analyze informational text development.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

RI.7.2.a.

Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development throughout the text.

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.3.

Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events). (RI.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. (RI.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.7.2) (DOK 3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation. (W.7.7) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims”). (W.7.9) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others’ questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.7.4) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12****ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL****Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.8.

Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12****ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.10.

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

Iowa Student Standards**Language Arts**

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL****Key Ideas and Details**

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

1

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

2

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

3

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

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL****Craft and Structure**

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

4

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

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL****Text Types and Purposes***

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

2

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Production and Distribution of Writing	
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Research to Build and Present Knowledge	
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	7	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Range of Writing	
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Comprehension and Collaboration	
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Knowledge of Language	

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices and phrases on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RI.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.8.2) (DOK 3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. (W.8.7) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.8.4) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		
Language Standards 6-12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.4.

Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.8.

Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.10.

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2024

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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	7	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.2.	Analyze informational text development.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RI.6.2.a.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through specific text examples). (RI.6.3) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings. (RI.6.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas. (RI.6.5) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue. (RI.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.1.d.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions, words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows the information or explanation presented. (W.6.2) (DOK 3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. (W.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (W.6.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.9.b.	Apply grade 6 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not”). (W.6.9) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.6.4) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.4.

Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.8.

Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.10.

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

Iowa Student Standards**Language Arts**

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

2

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

3

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

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	7	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.2.	Analyze informational text development.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RI.7.2.a.	Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development throughout the text.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events). (RI.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. (RI.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.7.2) (DOK 3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation. (W.7.7) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims”). (W.7.9) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.7.4) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	7	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices and phrases on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RI.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.8.2) (DOK 3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. (W.8.7) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE

Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE

Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE

Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.8.4) (DOK 2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE

Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE

Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
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STRAND / COURSE

Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
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STRAND / COURSE

Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

4

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

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

2

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

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

3

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

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

4

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

9

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

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

1

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.2.	Analyze informational text development.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RI.6.2.a.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through specific text examples). (RI.6.3) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings. (RI.6.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas. (RI.6.5) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue. (RI.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.1.d.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.4.	Present claims and findings, sequencing ideas logically and using pertinent descriptions, facts, and details to accentuate main ideas or themes appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.6.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.6.4) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRST.6-
8.10.

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

Iowa Student Standards**Language Arts**

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2024

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

1

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

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

2

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

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

3

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

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

4

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

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

2

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

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

3

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

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR RI.7.1. Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.2.	Analyze informational text development.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION RI.7.2.a. Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development throughout the text.

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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR RI.7.3. Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events). (RI.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR RI.7.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. (RI.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION W.7.1.d. Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.

STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR W.7.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.7.4) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.8.1.

Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices and phrases on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RI.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.8.1.

Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.1.d.

Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.8.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.2.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.2.b.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.2.c.

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

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE **Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.8.4) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

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

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.2.	Analyze informational text development.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RI.6.2.a.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through specific text examples). (RI.6.3) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings. (RI.6.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas. (RI.6.5) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue. (RI.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.1.d.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions, words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows the information or explanation presented. (W.6.2) (DOK 3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.6.4) (DOK 2,3)
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**STRAND /
COURSE****Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

L.6.6.

Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.1.

Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.2.

Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRH.6-
8.10.

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRST.6-
8.1.

Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)

DETAILED
DESCRIPTORRST.6-
8.2.

Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)

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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

Iowa Student Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

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

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.2.	Analyze informational text development.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RI.7.2.a.	Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development throughout the text.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events). (RI.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. (RI.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.1.d.

Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.2.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.2.b.

Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.2.c.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.2.d.

Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.7.2.f.

Provide a concluding statement or section that follows and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.7.2) (DOK 3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.7.5.

With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

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Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

3

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

4

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

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

6

Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RI.8.1.

Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RI.8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices and phrases on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RI.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.1.d.

Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.2.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.2.b.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.2.c.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.2.d.

Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.2.f.

Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.8.2) (DOK 3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.8.4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.8.5.

With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.8.8.

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.8.4) (DOK 2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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Language Arts

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.2.	Analyze informational text development.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RI.6.2.a.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through specific text examples). (RI.6.3) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings. (RI.6.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas. (RI.6.5) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue. (RI.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.1.d.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions, words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows the information or explanation presented. (W.6.2) (DOK 3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.9.b.	Apply grade 6 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not”). (W.6.9) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.6.4) (DOK 2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)
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Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RH.6-8.10.

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.1.

Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.2.

Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.4.

Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.8.

Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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Iowa Student Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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STRAND / COURSE College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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STRAND / COURSE College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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STRAND / COURSE College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.1.

Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.2.

Analyze informational text development.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

RI.7.2.a.

Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development throughout the text.

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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.3.

Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events). (RI.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.7.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. (RI.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.7.1.

Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.7.1.d.

Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.7.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.7.2) (DOK 3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims”). (W.7.9) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.7.10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

SL.7.1.

Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

SL.7.1.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

SL.7.1.c.

Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

SL.7.1.d.

Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

SL.7.4.

Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

L.7.3.

Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

L.7.3.a.

Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

L.7.4.

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE	Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12	

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
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STRAND / COURSE	Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12	
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
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STRAND / COURSE	Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12	
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)
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Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		
College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices and phrases on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RI.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.8.2) (DOK 3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.8.4) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.4.

Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.8.

Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.10.

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

1

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

2

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

3

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

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

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Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

6

Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.6.1.

Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.2.	Analyze informational text development.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

RI.6.2.a.

Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details.

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RI.6.3.

Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through specific text examples). (RI.6.3) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings. (RI.6.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas. (RI.6.5) (DOK 2,3)
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Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue. (RI.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.1.d.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions, words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows the information or explanation presented. (W.6.2) (DOK 3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.9.b.	Apply grade 6 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not”). (W.6.9) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.6.4) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

Iowa Student Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2024

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

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

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.7.2.	Analyze informational text development.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION RI.7.2.a. Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development throughout the text.

STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR RI.7.3. Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events). (RI.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR RI.7.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. (RI.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION W.7.1.d. Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.

STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION W.7.2.a. Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION W.7.2.b. Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION W.7.2.c. Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.7.4) (DOK 2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		
Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12		
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12****ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL****Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.8.

Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12****ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL****Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RST.6-8.10.

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

Iowa Student Standards**Language Arts**

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL****Key Ideas and Details**

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

1

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

2

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

3

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

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading****ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL****Craft and Structure**

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

4

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

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing****ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL****Text Types and Purposes***

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

2

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RI.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices and phrases on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RI.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.8.2) (DOK 3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.8.4) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. (RH.6-8.1)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RH.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RH.6-8.10)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (RST.6-8.1)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RST.6-8.2)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.4.	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics. (RST.6-8.4)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.8.	Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (RST.6-8.8)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RST.6-8.10.	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. (RST.6-8.10)

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

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Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.6.1.

Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.6.1.d.

Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.6.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.6.2.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.6.2.b.

Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.6.2.c.

Use appropriate transitions, words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.6.2.d.

Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.6.2.e.

Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.6.2.f.

Provide a concluding statement or section that follows the information or explanation presented. (W.6.2) (DOK 3,4)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.7.2) (DOK 3,4)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.8.2) (DOK 3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. (W.8.7) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.8.10.

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

SL.8.1.

Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

SL.8.1.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

SL.8.1.c.

Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

SL.8.1.d.

Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

SL.8.4.

Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

L.8.1.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

L.8.1.a.

Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE	Language Standards 6-12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Text Types and Purposes*	

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Production and Distribution of Writing	

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Research to Build and Present Knowledge	

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	7	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Informational Text 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue. (RI.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.1.d.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions, words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows the information or explanation presented. (W.6.2) (DOK 3,4)

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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. (W.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (W.6.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	7	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.7.1.d.

Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.

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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.7.2.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.7.2.b.

Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.7.2.c.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.7.2.d.

Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.7.2.f.

Provide a concluding statement or section that follows and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.7.2) (DOK 3,4)

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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.7.4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.7.5.

With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.7.7.

Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation. (W.7.7) (DOK 3,4)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.8.2) (DOK 3,4)

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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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**STRAND /
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. (W.8.7) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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**STRAND /
COURSE****Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE	Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12	

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE	Language Standards 6-12	
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE	Language Standards 6-12	
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Production and Distribution of Writing	
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Research to Build and Present Knowledge	
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Range of Writing	
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Comprehension and Collaboration	
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL	Text Types and Purposes	
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.1.d.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions, words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows the information or explanation presented. (W.6.2) (DOK 3,4)

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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. (W.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (W.6.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.7.2) (DOK 3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)

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Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented. (W.8.2) (DOK 3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. (W.8.7) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE

Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

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

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

1

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

3

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

4

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

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

6

Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RL.6.1.

Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RL.6.3.

Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution. (RL.6.3) (DOK 2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RL.6.5.

Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot. (RL.6.5) (DOK 2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.6.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. (RL.6.10) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.1.d.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. (W.6.7) (DOK 3,4)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (W.6.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.6.4) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)

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Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

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Reading Standards for Literature 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot). (RL.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE

Reading Standards for Literature 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. (RL.7.10) (DOK 1,2)

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.

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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.7.4) (DOK 2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

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

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RL.8.4) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RL.8.10.

By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 complexity band independently and proficiently. (RL.8.10) (DOK 1,2)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.8.1.

Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.1.d.

Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.8.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.2.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.2.b.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.8.2.c.

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

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.8.4.

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.8.5.

With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.8.4) (DOK 2,3)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. (W.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (W.6.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE	Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.
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STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences

**STRAND /
COURSE****College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.2.	Analyze literary text development.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RL.7.2.a.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text; analyze the development of the theme throughout the text.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot). (RL.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. (RL.7.10) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE

Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE

Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION L.7.1.b. Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.

STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION L.7.3.a. Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR L.7.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)

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Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR 2 Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

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

STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR 2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literature 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 complexity band independently and proficiently. (RL.8.10) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. (W.8.7) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE

Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)

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Language Arts

Grade 6 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STRAND / COURSE	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing	
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ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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Reading Standards for Literature 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.6.3.	Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution. (RL.6.3) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE	Reading Standards for Literature 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot. (RL.6.5) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE	Reading Standards for Literature 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.6.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. (RL.6.10) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.1.d.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2.e.	Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.
STRAND / COURSE	Writing Standards 6–12	
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. (W.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (W.6.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

L.6.3.a.

Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

L.6.4.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

L.6.4.d.

Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.6.4) (DOK 2,3)

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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

L.6.6.

Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)

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Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

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

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STRAND / COURSE **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot). (RL.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. (RL.7.10) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE **Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE **Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.7.4) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Language Standards 6-12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)
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Iowa Student Standards

Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

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

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literature 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RL.8.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (RL.8.4) (DOK 2,3)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

RL.8.10.

By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 complexity band independently and proficiently. (RL.8.10) (DOK 1,2)

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.8.1.

Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.8.1.d.

Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED
DESCRIPTOR

W.8.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.8.2.a.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.8.2.b.

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

GRADE LEVEL
EXPECTATION

W.8.2.c.

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

**STRAND /
COURSE****Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. (W.8.7) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE

Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.4.d.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or by using other reference materials). (L.8.4) (DOK 2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RL.6.3.

Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution. (RL.6.3) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Craft and Structure
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RL.6.5.

Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot. (RL.6.5) (DOK 2,3)

STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

RL.6.10.

By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. (RL.6.10) (DOK 1,2)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.6.1.

Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.6.1.d.

Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

W.6.2.

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.6.2.b.

Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION

W.6.2.e.

Establish and maintain tone and style appropriate to task and audience.

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above) (W.6.4) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 6.) (W.6.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. (W.6.7) (DOK 3,4)
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (W.6.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
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Writing Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.6.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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Speaking and Listening Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.6.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. (SL.6.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. (L.6.1) (DOK 1,2)
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.
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Language Standards 6-12

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.6.6) (DOK 1,2)

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Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
STRAND / COURSE		College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literature 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot). (RL.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
STRAND / COURSE		Reading Standards for Literature 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.7.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. (RL.7.10) (DOK 1,2)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate for the task and audience.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.7.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.7.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7.) (W.7.5) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.7.8) (DOK 2,3,4)
STRAND / COURSE		Writing Standards 6–12
ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.7.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)
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STRAND / COURSE **Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views. (SL.7.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples, and style appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.7.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. (L.7.3) (DOK 2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE**Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

L.7.6.

Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.7.6) (DOK 1,2)

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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2024

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

3

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

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes*
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

2

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

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

3

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

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

4

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

5

Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR

8

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences
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STRAND / COURSE**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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STRAND / COURSE**Reading Standards for Literature 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 complexity band independently and proficiently. (RL.8.10) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.1.d.	Establish and maintain a tone and style appropriate to the task and audience.
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) (W.8.4) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) (W.8.5) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. (W.8.7) (DOK 3,4)
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (W.8.8) (DOK 2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Writing Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Range of Writing
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W.8.10) (DOK 1,2,3,4)

STRAND / COURSE**Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.8.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, justify or modify their own views in light of the evidence presented. (SL.8.1) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Speaking and Listening Standards 6–12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details appropriate to the purpose, audience, and task. (SL.8.4) (DOK 1,2,3)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood. (L.8.1) (DOK 1,2)
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STRAND / COURSE **Language Standards 6-12**

ESSENTIAL CONCEPT AND/OR SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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DETAILED DESCRIPTOR	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (L.8.6) (DOK 1,2)
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