

Main Criteria: Wonders of Science Writing Lessons

Secondary Criteria: Vermont Content Standards

Subject: Language Arts

Grades: 6, 7, 8

Wonders of Science Writing Lessons

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Language Arts

Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND VT.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD

Key Ideas and Details

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

RI.6.1.

Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

RI.6.2.

Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

RI.6.3.

Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).

STANDARD / STRAND VT.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD

Craft and Structure

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

RI.6.4.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings

STANDARD / STRAND VT.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.6.4.	Present claims and findings, sequencing ideas logically and using pertinent descriptions, facts, and details to accentuate main ideas or themes; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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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.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.8. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 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(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.6.** **Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.7.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.7.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Language Arts

Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL RI.6.1. Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 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(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.7. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.7. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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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 in a dictionary).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.7. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.8. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.6.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 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(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.7.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.7. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.7. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.8. Writing Standards**

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.6.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.6.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.6.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.6.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.6. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.6. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.6. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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), both print and digital, 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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.7.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.7.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.3.	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.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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.7. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.7. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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), both print and digital, 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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.8.	Reading Standards for Literature

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.8.9.	Analyze how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious works such as the Bible, including describing how the material is rendered new.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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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 in a dictionary).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND VT.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD

Key Ideas and Details

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

RL.6.1.

Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

RL.6.2.

Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

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.

STANDARD / STRAND VT.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD

Craft and Structure

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

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.

STANDARD / STRAND VT.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

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.

STANDARD / STRAND VT.W.6. Writing Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD

Text Types and Purposes

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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), both print and digital, 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 in a dictionary).

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.7.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).

STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.7.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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), both print and digital, 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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.8. Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD

Key Ideas and Details

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

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.

STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.8. Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD

Craft and Structure

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

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.

STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.8. Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

RL.8.10.

By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD

Text Types and Purposes

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

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(b)

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

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD

Text Types and Purposes

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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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 in a dictionary).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.5(b)	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Language Arts

Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.6.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.6.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.6.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from the narrated experiences or events.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.7.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.7.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b) Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL 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.)

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL 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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL 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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.6.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.6.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.6.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.6.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from the narrated experiences or events.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.7.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.7.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b) Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL 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.)

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL 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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL 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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 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(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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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 in a dictionary).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.7. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.8. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 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(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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), both print and digital, 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 in a dictionary).

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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 from and supports the information or explanation presented.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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), both print and digital, 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 in a dictionary).

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.8.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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), both print and digital, 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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.6.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 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(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.6.** **Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.6.** **Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.7.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL SL.7.4. Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL 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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL 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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8.** **Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8.** **Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.6.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 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(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Vermont Content Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and supports the information or explanation presented.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

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

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

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

Vermont Content Standards

Language Arts

Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND VT.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
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STANDARD / STRAND VT.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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STANDARD / STRAND VT.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
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STANDARD / STRAND VT.W.6. Writing Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL 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.

Vermont Content Standards

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Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.7.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL 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.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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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.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

SL.7.4. Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

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 in a dictionary).

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from the narrated experiences or events.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.3.	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.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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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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.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(c)	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from the narrated experiences or events.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL 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.)

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL 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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.6. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.6. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.6.** **Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL L.6.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 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(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and supports the information or explanation presented.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

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

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

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL 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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL 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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.6.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 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(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.8.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.8.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.8.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.6.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.6.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 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(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and supports the information or explanation presented.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.8. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.8. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.6.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.6.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.6.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 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(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.6.** **Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.6.** **Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.6.** **Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.7.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD

Key Ideas and Details

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

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.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

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).

STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.7.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD

Craft and Structure

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD

Text Types and Purposes

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

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 from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.7. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.7. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.8.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL 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.

STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.8.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8.** **Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8.** **Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8.** **Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.6.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.6.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.6.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.6. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.6.4.	Present claims and findings, sequencing ideas logically and using pertinent descriptions, facts, and details to accentuate main ideas or themes; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.6. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.6. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.7. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.7. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND VT.RI.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STANDARD / STRAND VT.RI.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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STANDARD / STRAND VT.W.8. Writing Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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STANDARD / STRAND VT.W.8. Writing Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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STANDARD / STRAND VT.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Language Arts

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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 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(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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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.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and supports the information or explanation presented.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

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

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

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 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(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.6.** **Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.6.** **Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.7.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL SL.7.4. Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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 in a dictionary).

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.6.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.6.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 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(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.8.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.8.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.8.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.8.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND VT.W.6. Writing Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 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(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
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STANDARD / STRAND VT.W.6. Writing Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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STANDARD / STRAND VT.W.6. Writing Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.7. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.7. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.7. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8.** **Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8.** **Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RI.6.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RI.6.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 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(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL L.6.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and supports the information or explanation presented.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.7.** **Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8.** **Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8.** **Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	W.6.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions 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(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.6. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 from and supports the information or explanation presented.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.6.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.6.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.6.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.6.	Reading Standards for Literature
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.7.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).

STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.7. Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.7.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL L.7.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.8.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL 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.

STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.8. Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.8. Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.8. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.8. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.8. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8.** **Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8.** **Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.8.** **Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.6.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.6.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.7. Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.7. Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.7.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7. Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

STANDARD / STRAND VT.L.7. Language Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

STANDARD / STRAND VT.L.7. Language Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND VT.RL.8. Reading Standards for Literature

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL RL.8.10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

STANDARD / STRAND VT.W.8. Writing Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010 (CCSS)

STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.6.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD **Key Ideas and Details**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.6.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.6.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD **Craft and Structure**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.6.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.6.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.6.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD **Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.6.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.6.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.6.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL 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.)

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL 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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL W.6.7. Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL 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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL 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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.7.	Reading Standards for Literature
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.7.	Reading Standards for Literature
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.7.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).

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

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.8.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.8.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.8.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.8.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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 in a dictionary).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.6.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.6.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.6.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.6.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.6. Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.6. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.L.6. Language Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.7.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RL.7.	Reading Standards for Literature
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.7.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.7.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.7.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.SL.7.** **Speaking and Listening Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.RL.8.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.8.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.8.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STANDARD / STRAND **VT.W.8.** **Writing Standards**

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.W.8.	Writing Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.