Common Core Skill Alignment 8TH GRADE: LANGUAGE



Conventions of Standard English

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

L.8.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

M.2 Create varied sentences based on models
O.1 Use parallel structure
Z.5 Is it a complete sentence or a fragment?
Z.6 Is it a complete sentence or a run-on?
Z.7 Is it a complete sentence, a fragment, or a run-on?
AA.5 Combine sentences using relative clauses
CC.1 Identify pronouns and their antecedents
CC.2 Use the pronoun that agrees with the antecedent
CC.3 Correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person
CC.4 Identify vague pronoun references
CC.5 Identify all of the possible antecedents
DD.5 Use reflexive pronouns
DD.7 Use relative pronouns: who and whom
DD.8 Use relative pronouns: who, whom, whose, which, and that
FF.1 Correct errors with subject-verb agreement
FF.2 Correct errors with indefinite pronoun-verb agreement
FF.3 Use the correct verb - with compound subjects
GG.3 Identify and correct inappropriate shifts in verb tense
GG.4 Form the progressive verb tenses
GG.5 Form the perfect verb tenses
HH.2 Order adjectives

	HH.4 Choose between adjectives and adverbs
	HH.5 Is the word an adjective or adverb?
	HH.6 Form and use comparative and superlative adjectives
	HH.7 Good, better, best, bad, worse, and worst
	HH.8 Form and use comparative and superlative adverbs
	HH.9 Well, better, best, badly, worse, and worst
	KK.1 Use the correct pair of correlative conjunctions
	LL.1 Misplaced modifiers with pictures
	LL.2 Select the misplaced or dangling modifier
	LL.3 Are the modifiers used correctly?
	8.1.a Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
	GG.6 Identify participles and what they modify GG.7 Identify gerunds and their functions GG.8 Identify infinitives and infinitive phrases
L	8.1.b Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
	N.1 Identify active and passive voice N.2 Rewrite the sentence in active voice
L	8.1.c Form and use verbs in the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive mood.
	 Z.1 Is the sentence declarative, interrogative, imperative, or exclamatory? GG.1 Irregular past tense: review GG.2 Simple past, present, and future tense: review
L	8.1.d Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
	N.1 Identify active and passive voice

		N.2 Rewrite the sentence in active voice
		GG.3 Identify and correct inappropriate shifts in verb tense
		e command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and en writing.
L.8.2 when		onstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling ng.
		O.5 Correct errors with signs
		O.6 Correct errors in everyday use
		0.7 Suggest appropriate revisions
		MM.1 What does the punctuation suggest?
		MM.2 Commas with nonrestrictive elements
		NN.1 Commas with series, dates, and places
		NN.5 Commas: review
		OO.1 Use semicolons and commas to separate clauses
		OO.2 Use semicolons, colons, and commas with lists
		PP.2 Use hyphens in compound adjectives
		QQ.1 Correct capitalization errors
		QQ.2 Capitalizing titles
		RR.1 Formatting titles
		RR.2 Formatting and capitalizing titles: review
		RR.3 Formatting street addresses
		RR.4 Formatting quotations and dialogue
L.8	8.2.a l	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
		NN.2 Commas with compound and complex sentences
		NN.3 Commas with direct addresses, introductory words, interjections, and interrupters
		NN.4 Commas with coordinate adjectives
		PP 1 Use dashes

L.8.2.b Use an ellipsis to indicate an omission.
PP.3 Decide whether ellipses are used appropriately
L.8.2.c Spell correctly.
O.3 Use the correct frequently confused word
0.4 Correct errors with frequently confused words
U.1 Use the correct homophone
Y.2 Use guide words
BB.1 Form and use plurals: review
BB.4 Form the singular or plural possessive
BB.5 Identify and correct errors with plural and possessive nouns
BB.6 Identify and correct errors with compound and joint possession
GG.1 Irregular past tense: review
HH.6 Form and use comparative and superlative adjectives
HH.8 Form and use comparative and superlative adverbs
Knowledge of Language Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
L.8.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
C.2 Which sentence is more formal?
C.3 Compare passages for tone
O.2 Remove redundant words or phrases
S.1 Choose the synonym
S.2 Choose the antonym

T.1 Describe the difference between related words

T.2 Positive and negative connotation
L.8.3.a Use verbs in the active and passive voice and in the conditional and subjunctive mood to achieve particular effects (e.g., emphasizing the actor or the action; expressing uncertainty or describing a state contrary to fact).
N.1 Identify active and passive voice N.2 Rewrite the sentence in active voice
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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.
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.
E.3 Interpret the meaning of allusions
E.5 Interpret figures of speech
G.2 Vocabulary review: Read and understand informational passages
U.2 Which definition matches the sentence?
U.3 Which sentence matches the definition?
W.1 Find words using context
W.2 Determine the meaning of words using synonyms in context
W.3 Determine the meaning of words using antonyms in context
W.4 Use context to identify the meaning of a word
X.1 Determine the meaning of domain-specific words with pictures
L.8.4.b Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word

Q.1 Words with pre-
Q.2 Words with re-
Q.3 Words with sub-
Q.4 Words with mis-
Q.5 Words with un-, dis-, in-, im-, and non-
Q.6 Words with -ful
Q.7 Words with -less
Q.8 Words with -able and -ible
R.1 Use Greek and Latin roots as clues to the meanings of words
R.2 Use words as clues to the meanings of Greek and Latin roots
R.3 Determine the meanings of Greek and Latin roots
R.4 Determine the meanings of words with Greek and Latin roots
both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
Y.2 Use guide words
Y.3 Use dictionary entries
Y.4 Use dictionary definitions
Y.5 Use thesaurus entries
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).
Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
L.8.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
L.8.5.a Interpret figures of speech (e.g. verbal irony, puns) in context.
E.3 Interpret the meaning of allusions
E.5 Interpret figures of speech

E.7 Analyze the effects of figures of speech on meaning and tone
L.8.5.b Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
S.1 Choose the synonym
S.2 Choose the antonym
V.1 Analogies
V.2 Analogies: challenge
W.2 Determine the meaning of words using synonyms in context
W.3 Determine the meaning of words using antonyms in context
L.8.5.c Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., bullheaded, willful, firm, persistent, resolute).
T.1 Describe the difference between related words
T.2 Positive and negative connotation
Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
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.
G.2 Vocabulary review: Read and understand informational passages
J.3 Transitions with conjunctive adverbs
Q.1 Words with pre-
Q.2 Words with re-
Q.3 Words with sub-
Q.4 Words with mis-
Q.5 Words with un-, dis-, in-, im-, and non-
Q.6 Words with -ful

Q.7 Words with -less
Q.8 Words with -able and -ible
R.1 Use Greek and Latin roots as clues to the meanings of words
R.2 Use words as clues to the meanings of Greek and Latin roots
R.3 Determine the meanings of Greek and Latin roots
R.4 Determine the meanings of words with Greek and Latin roots
T.2 Positive and negative connotation
W.1 Find words using context
W.2 Determine the meaning of words using synonyms in context
W.3 Determine the meaning of words using antonyms in context
W.4 Use context to identify the meaning of a word
X.1 Determine the meaning of domain-specific words with pictures

Common Core Skill Alignment 8TH GRADE: READING: INFORMATIONAL TEXT



Key Ideas and Details

	textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says ell as inferences drawn from the text.
D.	1 Compare and contrast
D.	2 Match causes and effects in informational texts
D.	3 Match problems with their solutions
G.	3 Trace an argument
Н.	1 Compare information from two texts
Κ.	4 Identify supporting details in informational texts
ng its re	ne a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text ationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.
	1 Determine the main idea
	1 Compare and contrast
D.	2 Match causes and effects in informational texts
D.	3 Match problems with their solutions
G.	1 Read and understand informational passages
G.	3 Trace an argument
H.	1 Compare information from two texts
K.	2 Distinguish facts from opinions
K.	4 Identify supporting details in informational texts
its (e.g.,	how a text makes connections among and distinctions between individuals, ideas, through comparisons, analogies, or categories).
D.	1 Compare and contrast

D.2 Match causes and effects in informational texts
D.3 Match problems with their solutions
D.4 Identify text structures
G.1 Read and understand informational passages
G.3 Trace an argument
K.4 Identify supporting details in informational texts
Craft and Structure
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.
E.3 Interpret the meaning of allusions
E.5 Interpret figures of speech
E.7 Analyze the effects of figures of speech on meaning and tone
G.2 Vocabulary review: Read and understand informational passages
T.2 Positive and negative connotation
U.2 Which definition matches the sentence?
U.3 Which sentence matches the definition?
W.1 Find words using context
W.2 Determine the meaning of words using synonyms in context
W.3 Determine the meaning of words using antonyms in context
W.4 Use context to identify the meaning of a word
X.1 Determine the meaning of domain-specific words with pictures
RI.8.5 Analyze in detail the structure of a specific paragraph in a text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.
D.1 Compare and contrast
D.2 Match causes and effects in informational texts

D.3 Match problems with their solutions	
D.4 Identify text structures	
G.3 Trace an argument	
J.2 Organize information by main idea	
RI.8.6 Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints.	
C.1 Identify author's purpose	
G.3 Trace an argument	
H.1 Compare information from two texts	
ntegration of Knowledge and Ideas	
RI.8.7 Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using different mediums (e.g., print or digital text, video, multimedia) to present a particular topic or idea.	
RI.8.8 Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced.	
G.3 Trace an argument	
K.4 Identify supporting details in informational texts	
K.6 Classify logical fallacies	
RI.8.9 Analyze a case in which two or more texts provide conflicting information on the same copic and identify where the texts disagree on matters of fact or interpretation.	
H.1 Compare information from two texts	
H.1 Compare information from two texts H.2 Compare two texts with different genres	

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

-	the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at the high end of the text complexity band independently and proficiently.
	A 1 Determine the main idea
	A.1 Determine the main idea
	G.1 Read and understand informational passages
	G.3 Trace an argument
	X.1 Determine the meaning of domain-specific words with pictures

Common Core Skill Alignment 8TH GRADE: READING: LITERATURE



Key Ideas and Details

	e textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says vell as inferences drawn from the text.
E	3.1 Match the quotations with their themes
E	3.2 Determine the themes of short stories
F	F.1 Analyze short stories
ŀ	H.2 Compare two texts with different genres
	C.5 Identify supporting details in literary texts
	nine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course icluding its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective ne text.
E	3.1 Match the quotations with their themes
E	3.2 Determine the themes of short stories
	e how particular lines of dialogue or incidents in a story or drama propel the action, s of a character, or provoke a decision.
F	F.1 Analyze short stories
figurative and	Structure nine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and g analogies or allusions to other texts.
E	E.3 Interpret the meaning of allusions

E.5 Interpret figures of speech
E.7 Analyze the effects of figures of speech on meaning and tone
T.2 Positive and negative connotation
U.2 Which definition matches the sentence?
U.3 Which sentence matches the definition?
W.1 Find words using context
W.2 Determine the meaning of words using synonyms in context
W.3 Determine the meaning of words using antonyms in context
W.4 Use context to identify the meaning of a word
RL.8.5 Compare and contrast the structure of two or more texts and analyze how the differing structure of each text contributes to its meaning and style.
H.2 Compare two texts with different genres
RL.8.6 Analyze how differences in the points of view of the characters and the audience or reader e.g., created through the use of dramatic irony) create such effects as suspense or humor.
E.2 Identify the narrative point of view
ntegration of Knowledge and Ideas
RL.8.7 Analyze the extent to which a filmed or live production of a story or drama stays faithful to or departs from the text or script, evaluating the choices made by the director or actors.
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 now the material is rendered new.
H.2 Compare two texts with different genresI.1 Compare illustrations of literary and historical subjects

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

-	the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and he high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
	B.2 Determine the themes of short stories
	F.1 Analyze short stories
	H.2 Compare two texts with different genres

Common Core Skill Alignment 8TH GRADE: WRITING



Text Types and Purposes

W.8.1 Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

W.8.1.a Introduce claim(s), acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
C.1 Identify author's purposeJ.2 Organize information by main ideaK.2 Distinguish facts from opinions
W.8.1.b Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
 K.3 Choose evidence to support a claim K.4 Identify supporting details in informational texts K.5 Identify supporting details in literary texts K.6 Classify logical fallacies
W.8.1.c Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
J.3 Transitions with conjunctive adverbs KK.1 Use the correct pair of correlative conjunctions
W.8.1.d Establish and maintain a formal style.
C.2 Which sentence is more formal?
W.8.1.e Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.

information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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.
D.1 Compare and contrast D.2 Match causes and effects in informational texts D.3 Match problems with their solutions D.4 Identify text structures J.1 Order topics from broadest to narrowest J.2 Organize information by main idea
W.8.2.b Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
 K.2 Distinguish facts from opinions K.3 Choose evidence to support a claim K.4 Identify supporting details in informational texts K.5 Identify supporting details in literary texts K.6 Classify logical fallacies
W.8.2.c Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
J.3 Transitions with conjunctive adverbs KK.1 Use the correct pair of correlative conjunctions
W.8.2.d Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
J.1 Order topics from broadest to narrowest T.1 Describe the difference between related words T.2 Positive and negative connotation

W.8.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and

X.1 Determine the meaning of domain-specific words with pictures
W.8.2.e Establish and maintain a formal style.
C.2 Which sentence is more formal?
W.8.2.f Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
W.8.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
W.8.3.a Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
E.2 Identify the narrative point of view
W.8.3.b Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
E.1 Identify sensory details
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.
J.3 Transitions with conjunctive adverbs
W.8.3.d Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
C.3 Compare passages for tone
E.1 Identify sensory details
T.1 Describe the difference between related words
T.2 Positive and negative connotation

W.8.3.e Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or e	events.
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Produc	ction and Distribution of Writing
	oduce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are ate to task, purpose, and audience.
	C.1 Identify author's purpose
	D.1 Compare and contrast
	D.2 Match causes and effects in informational texts
	D.3 Match problems with their solutions
	D.4 Identify text structures
	J.1 Order topics from broadest to narrowest
	J.2 Organize information by main idea
	J.2 Organize information by main idea
	O.1 Use parallel structure
	O.2 Remove redundant words or phrases
	O.3 Use the correct frequently confused word
	0.4 Correct errors with frequently confused words
	O.5 Correct errors with signs
	O.6 Correct errors in everyday use
	0.7 Suggest appropriate revisions
	P.4 Identify plagiarism
	Z.5 Is it a complete sentence or a fragment?
	Z.6 Is it a complete sentence or a run-on?
	Z.7 Is it a complete sentence, a fragment, or a run-on?

	AA.5 Combine sentences using relative clauses
	BB.5 Identify and correct errors with plural and possessive nouns
	BB.6 Identify and correct errors with compound and joint possession
	CC.3 Correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person
	CC.4 Identify vague pronoun references
	FF.1 Correct errors with subject-verb agreement
	FF.2 Correct errors with indefinite pronoun-verb agreement
	GG.3 Identify and correct inappropriate shifts in verb tense
	MM.2 Commas with nonrestrictive elements
	NN.5 Commas: review
	OO.1 Use semicolons and commas to separate clauses
	PP.3 Decide whether ellipses are used appropriately
	QQ.1 Correct capitalization errors
others.	
Researc	ch to Build and Present Knowledge
drawing on	duct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), a several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for venues of exploration.
effectively	ner relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms is assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data is sions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
	A.1 Determine the main idea
	K.3 Choose evidence to support a claim
	K.4 Identify supporting details in informational texts
	K.4 Identify supporting details in informational textsK.5 Identify supporting details in literary texts

P.3 Use in-text citations (MLA 7th-8th editions)
P.4 Identify plagiarism
W.8.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and
research.
W.8.9.a Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literature (e.g., "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").
B.2 Determine the themes of short stories
C.3 Compare passages for tone
F.1 Analyze short stories
H.2 Compare two texts with different genres
K.5 Identify supporting details in literary texts
W.8.9.b Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced").
D.1 Compare and contrast
G.1 Read and understand informational passages
G.3 Trace an argument
H.1 Compare information from two texts
K.4 Identify supporting details in informational texts

Range of Writing

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.