**Reading: Literature** The following standards offer a focus for instruction each year and help ensure that students gain adequate exposure to a range of texts and tasks. Rigor is also infused through the requirement that students read increasingly complex texts through the grades. Students advancing through the grades are expected to meet each year's grade-specific standards and retain or further develop skills and understandings mastered in preceding grades. The CCR anchor standards and high school grade-specific standards work in tandem to define college and career readiness expectations—the former providing broad standards, the latter providing additional specificity.

6	7	8	9-10	11-12
		Key Ideas and Details		
RL.6.1. Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	RL.7.1. Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	RL.8.1. Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	RL.9-10.1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	RL.11-12.1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
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.	RL.7.2. Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.	RL.8.2. Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.	RL.9-10.2. Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details: provide an objective summary of the text.	RL.11-12.2. Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of the text.
RL.6.3. Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.	RL.7.3. Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).	RL.8.3. Analyze how particular lines of dialogue or incidents in a story or drama propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision.	RL.9-10.3. Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.	RL.11-12.3. Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).
		Craft and Structure		
RL.6.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.	RL.7.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of rhymes and other repetitions of sounds (e.g., alliteration) on a specific verse or stanza of a poem or section of a story or drama	RL.8.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.	RL.9-10.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language evokes a sense of time and place; how it sets a formal or informal tone).	RL.11-12.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including words with multiple meanings or language that is particularly fresh, engaging, or beautiful. (Include Shakespeare and others.)
RL.6.5. Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.	RL.7.5 Analyze how a drama's or poem's form or structure (e.g., soliloquy, sonnet) contributes to its meaning.	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.	RL.9-10.5. Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure a text, order events within it (e.g., parallel plots), and manipulate time (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) create such effects as mystery, tension, or surprise.	RL.11-12.5. Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure specific parts of a text (e.g., the choice of where to begin or end a story, the choice to provide a comedic or tragic resolution) contribute to its overall structure and meaning as well as its aesthetic impact.
RL.6.6. Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text.	RL.7.6. Analyze how an author develops and contrasts the points of view of different characters or narrators in a text.	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.	RL.9-10.6. Analyze a particular point of view or cultural experience reflected in a work of literature from outside the United States, drawing on a wide reading of world literature.	RL.11-12.6. Analyze a case in which grasping a point of view requires distinguishing what is directly stated in a text from what is really meant (e.g., satire, sarcasm, irony, or understatement).

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Integration of Knowledge and Ideas					
RL.6.7. Compare and contrast the experience of reading a story, drama, or poem to listening to or viewing an audio, video, or live version of the text, including contrasting what they "see" and "hear" when reading the text to what they perceive when they listen or watch.	RL.7.7. Compare and contrast a written story, drama, or poem to its audio, filmed, staged, or multimedia version, analyzing the effects of techniques unique to each medium (e.g., lighting, sound, color, or camera focus and angles in a film).	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.9-10.7. Analyze the representation of a subject or a key scene in two different artistic mediums, including what is emphasized or absent in each treatment (e.g., Auden's "Musée des Beaux Arts" and Breughel's Landscape with the Fall of Icarus).	RL.11-12.7. Analyze multiple interpretations of a story, drama, or poem (e.g., recorded or live production of a play or recorded novel or poetry), evaluating how each version interprets the source text. (Include at least one play by Shakespeare and one play by an American dramatist.)	
RL.6.8. (Not applicable to literature)	RL.7.8. (Not applicable to literature)	RL.8.8. (Not applicable to literature)	RL.9-10.8. (Not applicable to literature)	RL.11-12.8. (Not applicable to literature)	
RL.6.9. 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.	RL.7.9. Compare and contrast a fictional portrayal of a time, place, or character and a historical account of the same period as a means of understanding how authors of fiction use or alter history.	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.	RL.9-10.9. Analyze how an author draws on and transforms source material in a specific work (e.g., how Shakespeare treats a theme or topic from Ovid or the Bible or how a later author draws on a play by Shakespeare).	RL.11-12.9. Demonstrate knowledge of eighteenth-, nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century foundational works of American literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics.	
	Rang	ge of Reading and Level of Text Comp	lexity		
RL.6.10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.	RL.7.10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.	RL.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.	RL.9-10.10. By the end of grade 9, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 9–10 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. By the end of grade 10, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of the grades 9–10 text complexity band independently and proficiently.	RL.11-12.10. By the end of grade 11, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 11–CCR text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.  By the end of grade 12, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of the grades 11–CCR text complexity band independently and proficiently.	

**Reading: Informational Text** The CCR anchor standards and high school grade-specific standards work in tandem to define college and career readiness expectations—the former providing broad standards, the latter providing additional specificity.

7	8 Key Ideas and Details	9-10	11-12
RI.7.1. Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	RI.8.1. Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	RI.9-10.1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	RI.11-12.1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
RI.7.2. Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.	RI.8.2. Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.	RI.9-10.2. Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.	RI.11-12.2. Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of the text.
RI.7.3. Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).	RI.8.3. Analyze how a lext makes connections among and distinctions between individuals, ideas, or events (e.g., through comparisons, analogies, or categories).	RI.9-10.3. Analyze how the author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the connections drawn between them.	RI.11-12.3. Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
	Craft and Structure		
RI.7.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.	RI.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.	RI.9-10.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper).	RI.11-12.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).
RI.7.5. Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to the development of the ideas.	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.	RI.9-10.5. Analyze in detail how an author's ideas or claims are developed and refined by particular sentences, paragraphs, or larger portions of a text (e.g., a section or chapter).	RI.11-12.5. Analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of the structure an author uses in his or her exposition or argument, including whether the structure makes points clear, convincing, and engaging.
RI.7.6. Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author distinguishes his or her position from that of others.	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.	RI.9-10.6. Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how an author uses rhetoric to advance that point of view or purpose.	RI.11-12.6. Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text in which the rhetoric is particularly effective, analyzing how style and content contribute to the power, persuasiveness or beauty of the text.
	RI.7.1. Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.  RI.7.2. Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.  RI.7.3. Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).  RI.7.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.  RI.7.5. Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to the development of the ideas.  RI.7.6. Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author distinguishes his or her position from that of	RI.7.1. Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.  RI.7.2. Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text.  RI.7.3. Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text.  RI.7.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings: analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.  RI.7.5. Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to the development of the ledas.  RI.7.6. Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author distinguishes his or her position from that of	RI.7.1. Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.  RI.7.2. Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text. provide an objective summary of the text.  RI.7.3. Analyze the interactions between individuals revents, or how individuals influence ideas or events).  RI.7.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including flugrative, connotative, and technical meanings: analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.  RI.7.5. Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections conflicting to the text including how the major sections conflicting how the major and home distinguishes his or her position from that of a feet and analyze how the author distinguishes his or her position from that of a feet and analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting distinguishes his or her position from that of

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas					
RI.6.7. Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.	RI.7.7. Compare and contrast a text to an audio, video, or multimedia version of the text, analyzing each medium's portrayal of the subject (e.g., how the delivery of a speech affects the impact of the words).	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.9-10.7. Analyze various accounts of a subject told in different mediums (e.g., a person's life story in both print and multimedia), determining which details are emphasized in each account.	RI.11-12.7. Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words in order to address a question or solve a problem.	
RI.6.8. Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text	RI.7.8. 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.	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.	RI.9-10.8. Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is valid and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; identify false statements and fallacious reasoning.	RI.11-12.8. Delineate and evaluate the reasoning in seminal U.S. texts, including the application of constitutional principles and use of legal reasoning (e.g., in U.S. Supreme Court majority opinions and dissents) and the premises, purposes, and arguments in works of public advocacy (e.g., <i>The Federalist</i> , presidential addresses).	
RI.6.9. Compare and contrast one author's presentation of events with that of another.	RI.7.9. Analyze how two or more authors writing about the same topic shape their presentations of key information by emphasizing different evidence or advancing different interpretations of facts.	RI.8.9. Analyze a case in which two or more texts provide conflicting information on the same topic and identify where the texts disagree on matters of fact or interpretation.	RI.9-10.9. Analyze seminal U.S. documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., Washington's Farewell Address, the Gettysburg Address, Roosevelt's Four Freedoms speech, King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail"), including how they address related themes and concepts	RI.11-12.9 Analyze seventeenth-, eighteenth-, and nineteenth-century foundational U.S. documents of historical and literary significance (including The Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address) for their themes, purposes, and rhetorical features.	
	Ranç	ge of Reading and Level of Text Comp	lexity		
RI.6.10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.	RI.7.10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.	RI.8.10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at the high end of the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.	RI.9-10.10. By the end of grade 9, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 9–10 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.  By the end of grade 10, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at the high end of the grades 9–10 text complexity band independently and proficiently.	RI.11-12.10. By the end of grade 11, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 11–CCR text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.  By the end of grade 12, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at the high end of the grades 11–CCR text complexity band independently and proficiently.	

**Writing** The following standards for grades 6–12 offer a focus for instruction each year to help ensure that students gain adequate mastery of a range of skills and applications. Each year in their writing, students should demonstrate increasing sophistication in all aspects of language use, from vocabulary and syntax to the development and organization of ideas, and they should address increasingly demanding content and sources. *Students advancing through the grades are expected to meet each year's grade-specific standards and retain or further develop skills and understandings mastered in preceding grades.* The expected growth in student writing ability is reflected both in the standards themselves and in the collection of annotated student writing samples in Appendix C.

6	7	or annotated student writing samples in Appe <b>8</b>	9-10	11-12			
	Text Types and Purposes						
W.6.1. Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.	W.7.1. Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.	W.8.1. Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.	W.9-10.1. Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.	W.11-12.1. Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.			
Introduce claim(s) and organize the reasons and evidence clearly.	Introduce claim(s), acknowledge alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.	Introduce claim(s), acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.	Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.	Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.			
Support claim(s) with clear reasons and relevant evidence, using credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.			
Use words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among claim(s) and reasons.	Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), reasons, and evidence.	Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.	Use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.  Establish and maintain a formal style and	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.			
Establish and maintain a formal style.	Establish and maintain a formal style.	Establish and maintain a formal style.  Provide a concluding statement or section that	objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.	Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they			
Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the argument presented.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.	follows from and supports the argument presented.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.	are writing.  Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.			
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.	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.	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.	W.9-10.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.	W.11-12.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.			
Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.	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, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.	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.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on what precedes it to create a unified whole; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.			

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Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.  Establish and maintain a formal style.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
	Establish and maintain a formal style.	Establish and maintain a formal style.	Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.	Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
W.6.3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.	W.7.3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.	W.8.3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.	W.9-10.3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.	W.11-12.3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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.	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.	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.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create a smooth progression of experiences or	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create a smooth
Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.	events.  Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events,	progression of experiences or events.  Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events.
Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.	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.	and/or characters.  Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.	plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.  Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a
Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.  Provide a conclusion that follows from the	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.
narrated experiences or events.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.

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			Range of Writing			

W.6.10.- W.11-12.10 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.

**Speaking & Listening** The following standards for grades 6–12 offer a focus for instruction in each year to help ensure that students gain adequate mastery of a range of skills and applications. Students advancing through the grades are expected to meet each year's grade-specific standards and retain or further develop skills and understandings mastered in preceding grades.

6	7	8	9-10	11-12
		Comprehension and Collaboration		
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.	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.	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.	SL.9-10.1. Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-onone, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.  Come to discussions prepared, having read	SL.11-12.1. Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
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.	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.	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.	and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas.
Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.	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.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that probe reasoning and evidence; ensure a hearing for a full range of positions on a topic or issue; clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions; and promote divergent and creative perspectives.
Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives; synthesize comments, claims, and evidence made on all sides of an issue; resolve contradictions when possible; and determine what additional information or research is required to deepen the investigation or complete the lask.
SL.6.2. Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study.	SL.7.2. Analyze the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats and explain how the ideas clarify a topic, text, or issue under study.	SL.8.2. Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats and evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commercial, political) behind its presentation.	SL.9-10.2. Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse media or formats evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source.	SL.11-12.2. Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media in order to make informed decisions and solve problems, evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source and noting any discrepancies among the data.
SL.6.3. Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.	SL.7.3. Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.	SL.8.3. Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and relevance and sufficiency of the evidence and identifying when irrelevant evidence is introduced.	SL.9-10.3. Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, identifying any fallacious reasoning or exaggerated or distorted evidence.	SL.11-12.3. Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, assessing the stance, premises, links among ideas, word choice, points of emphasis, and tone used.

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Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas					
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.	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.	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.	SL.9-10.4. Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and task.	SL.11-12.4. Present information, findings, and supporting evidence, conveying a clear and distinct perspective, such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning, alternative or opposing perspectives are addressed, and the organization, development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and a range of formal and informal tasks.	
SL.6.5 Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, images, music, sound) and visual displays in presentations to clarify information.	SL.7.5. Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify claims and findings and emphasize salient points.	SL.8.5. Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.	SL.9-10.5. Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest.	SL.11-12.5. Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest.	
SL.6.6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.	SL.7.6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.	SL.8.6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.	SL.9-10.6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.	SL.11-12.6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating a command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.	

**Language** The following standards for grades 6–12 offer a focus for instruction each year to help ensure that students gain adequate mastery of a range of skills and applications. *Students advancing through* the grades are expected to meet each year's grade-specific standards and retain or further develop skills and understandings mastered in preceding grades. Beginning in grade 3, skills and understandings that are particularly likely to require continued attention in higher grades as they are applied to increasingly sophisticated writing and speaking are marked with an asterisk (\*).

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		Conventions of Standard English		
L.6.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	L.7.1. 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.	L.9-10.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	L.11-12.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, possessive).  Use intensive pronouns (  Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person.*  Recognize and correct vague pronouns  Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.*	Explain the function of phrases and clauses in general and their function in specific sentences.  Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.  Place phrases and clauses within a sentence, recognizing and correcting misplaced and dangling modifiers.*	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.  Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.  Form and use verbs in the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive mood.  Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.*	Use parallel structure.*  Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, adverbial, participial, prepositional, absolute) and clauses (independent, dependent; noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.	Apply the understanding that usage is a matter of convention, can change over time, and is sometimes contested.  Resolve issues of complex or contested usage, consulting references (e.g., Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of English Usage, Garner's Modern American Usage) as needed.
L.6.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.  Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.*  Spell correctly.	L.7.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.  Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives (e.g., It was a fascinating, enjoyable movie but not He wore an old[,] green shirt).  Spell correctly.	L.8.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.  Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.  Use an ellipsis to indicate an omission.	L.9-10.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.  Use a semicolon to link two or more closely related independent clauses.  Use a colon to introduce a list or quotation.	L.11-12.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.  Observe hyphenation conventions.  Spell correctly.
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		Knowledge of Language		
L.6.3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.  Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.*  Maintain consistency in style and tone.*	L.7.3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.  Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.*	L.8.3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.  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).	L.9-10.3. Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.  Write and edit work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a style manual (e.g., MLA Handbook) appropriate for the discipline and writing type.	L.11-12.3. Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.  Vary syntax for effect, consulting references for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.

		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use					
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.	L.7.4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on <i>grade</i> 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.	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.9-10.4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.	L.11-12.4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on <i>grades 11–12</i> reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.			
Use context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Use context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Use context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Use as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Use context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.			
Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word.	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word.	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word.	Identify and correctly use patterns of word changes that indicate different meanings or parts of speech.	Identify and correctly use patterns of word changes that indicate different meanings or parts of speech.			
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.	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.	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.	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, its part of speech, or its etymology.	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, its part of speech, its etymology, or its standard usage.			
Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase			
L.6.5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.	L.7.5. 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.9-10.5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.	L.11-12.5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.			
Interpret figures of speech (e.g., personification) in context.	Interpret figures of speech (e.g., literary, biblical, and mythological allusions) in context.	Interpret figures of speech (e.g. verbal irony, puns) in context.	Interpret figures of speech (e.g., euphemism, oxymoron) in context and analyze their role in	Interpret figures of speech (e.g., hyperbole, paradox) in context and analyze their role in			
Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category) to better understand each of the words.	Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonym/antonym, analogy) to better understand each of the words.	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.  Distinguish among the connotations	the text.  Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations.	the text.  Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations.			
Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., stingy, scrimping, unwasteful, thrifty).	Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., refined, respectful, polite, condescending).	(associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., bullheaded, willful, firm, resolute).					
L.6.6. Acquire and use accurately grade- appropriate general academic and domain- specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.	L.7.6. Acquire and use accurately grade- appropriate general academic and domain- specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.	L.8.6. Acquire and use accurately grade- appropriate general academic and domain- specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.	L.9-10.6. Acquire and use accurately 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 considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.	L.11-12.6. Acquire and use accurately 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 considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.			