

8th Grade English Language Arts Standards

ELA.8.1 - Reading Literature: Students will demonstrate the ability to comprehend and analyze a variety of increasingly complex print and literary texts.

- ELA.8.1.A - Understands grade level vocabulary
- ELA.8.1.B - Demonstrates evidence of close reading
- ELA.8.1.C - Analyze similar topics in multiple texts/genre

ELA.8.2 - Reading Informational Text: Students will demonstrate the ability to comprehend, analyze, and critique a variety of increasingly complex informational texts – including texts for science, social studies, and technical subjects.

- ELA.8.2.A - Understands grade level vocabulary
- ELA.8.2.B - Demonstrates evidence of close reading
- ELA.8.2.C - 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.

ELA.8.3 - Argument Writing: Students will demonstrate the ability to analyze and critique texts or topics and support claims and reasoning with sufficient evidence for intended purpose and audience.

- ELA.8.3.A - Introduces claim(s)
- ELA.8.3.B - Support claim(s) with evidence and commentary
- ELA.8.3.C - Clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence
- ELA.8.3.D - Incorporates a conclusion

ELA.8.4 - Informational Writing: Students will demonstrate the ability to effectively write informative texts to examine and convey complex ideas for variety of purposes and audiences.

- ELA.8.4.A - Introduces topic
- ELA.8.4.B - Develops topic
- ELA.8.4.C - Includes a conclusion

ELA.8.5 - Narrative Writing: Students will demonstrate the ability to effectively apply narrative strategies for variety of purposes and audiences.

- ELA.8.5.A - Narrows and develops a topic with a theme
- ELA.8.5.B - Specific details create mental images, clarify content, or provide information
- ELA.8.5.C - Parts of a story (i.e. plot, character, climax, setting, conflict) are developed

ELA.8.6 - Research: Students will engage in research /inquiry to investigate topics and to analyze, integrate, and present information.

- ELA.8.6.A - Conducts short research projects
- ELA.8.6.B - Gather information/facts
- ELA.8.6.C - Quote/Paraphrase research

ELA.8.7 - Students will demonstrate the ability to produce clear and coherent writing through the development of writing units and/or daily writing.

- ELA.8.7.A - Develop and strengthen writing by using the writing process to produce pieces appropriate to task, purpose, and audience
- ELA.8.7.B - Uses grade level conventions, grammar, and spelling

ELA.8.8 - Students will demonstrate the ability to participate in discussion and/or present information to a variety of audiences.

- ELA.8.8.A - Engage in a range of discussions by interpreting and/or analyzing information
- ELA.8.8.B - Presentation of knowledge and ideas
- ELA.8.8.C - Applying presentation skills