**College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

*Key Ideas and Details*

**1.** Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.

**2.** Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

**3.** Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

*Craft and Structure*

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

**5.** Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.

**6.** Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text.

*Integration of Knowledge and Ideas*

**7.** Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.‡

**8.** Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, including the validity of the reasoning as well as the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.

**MA.8.A.** Analyze the meanings of literary texts by drawing on knowledge of literary concepts and genres.

**9.** Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.

*Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity*

**10.** Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.\*\*

‡ Please see “Research to Build and Present Knowledge” in Writing and “Comprehension and Collaboration” in

Speaking and Listening for additional standards relevant to gathering, assessing, and applying information from

Reading Standards for Literature Pre-K–5 [RL]

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.*

| **Pre-Kindergartners (older 4-year-olds to younger 5-year-olds):** | **Kindergartners:** |
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| *Key Ideas and Details* | |
| **MA.1.** With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about a story or poem read aloud. | **1.** With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text. |
| **MA.2.** With prompting and support, retell a sequence of events from a story read aloud. | **2.** With prompting and support, retell familiar stories, including key details. |
| **MA.3.** With prompting and support, act out characters and events from a story or poem read aloud. | **3.** With prompting and support, identify characters, settings, and major events in a story. |
| *Craft and Structure* | |
| **MA.4.** With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about unfamiliar words in a story or poem read aloud. | **4.** Ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text. |
| **5.** (Begins in kindergarten or when the individual child is ready) | **5.** Recognize common types of texts (e.g., storybooks, poems). |
| **MA.6.** With prompting and support, “read” the illustrations in a picture book by describing a character or place depicted, or by telling how a sequence of events unfolds. | **6.** With prompting and support, name the author and illustrator of a story and define the role of each in telling the story. |
| *Integration of Knowledge and Ideas* | |
| **MA.7.** With prompting and support, make predictions about what happens next in a picture book after examining and discussing the illustrations. | **7.** With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the story in which they appear (e.g., what moment in a story an illustration depicts). |
| **8.** (Not applicable to literature) | **8.** (Not applicable to literature) |
| **MA.8.A.** Respond with movement or clapping to a regular beat in poetry or song. | **MA.8.A.** Identify and respond to characteristics of traditional poetry for children: rhyme; regular beats; and repetition of sounds, words, and phrases. |
| **MA.9.** With prompting and support, make connections between a story or poem and one’s own experiences. | **9.** With prompting and support, compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in familiar stories. |
| *Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity* | |
| **MA.10.** Listen actively as an individual and as a member of a group to a variety of age-appropriate literature read aloud. | **10.** Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding. |

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| **Grade 1 students:** | **Grade 2 students:** | **Grade 3 students:** |
| *Key Ideas and Details* | | |
| **1.** Ask and answer questions about key details in a text. | **1.** Ask and answer such questions as *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how* to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. | **1.** Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers. |
| **2.** Retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson. | **2.** Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral. | **2.** Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text. |
| **3.** Describe characters, settings, and major events in a story, using key details. | **3.** Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges. | **3.** Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events. |
| *Craft and Structure* | | |
| 4. Identify words and phrases in stories or poems that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses. | **4.** Describe how words and phrases (e.g., regular beats, alliteration, rhymes, repeated lines) supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song. | **4.** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, distinguishing literal from nonliteral language. |
| **5.** Explain major differences between books that tell stories and books that give information, drawing on a wide reading of a range of text types. | **5.** Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action. | **5.** Refer to parts of stories, dramas, and poems when writing or speaking about a text, using terms such as *chapter*, *scene*, and *stanza*; describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections. |
| **6.** Identify who is telling the story at various points in a text. | **6.** Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud. | **6.** Distinguish their own point of view from that of the narrator or those of the characters. |
| *Integration of Knowledge and Ideas* | | |
| **7.** Use illustrations and details in a story to describe its characters, setting, or events. | **7.** Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot. | **7.** Explain how specific aspects of a text’s illustrations contribute to what is conveyed by the words in a story (e.g., create mood, emphasize aspects of a character or setting). |
| **8.** (Not applicable to literature) | **8.** (Not applicable to literature) | **8.** (Not applicable to literature) |
| **MA.8.A.** Identify characteristics commonly shared by folktales and fairy tales. | **MA.8.A.** Identify dialogue as words spoken by characters (usually enclosed in quotation marks) and explain what dialogue adds to a particular story or poem. | **MA.8.A.** Identify elements of fiction (e.g., characters, setting, plot, problem, solution) and elements of poetry (e.g., rhyme, rhythm, figurative language, alliteration, onomatopoeia). |
| **9.** Compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in stories. | **9.** Compare and contrast two or more versions of the same story (e.g., Cinderella stories) by different authors or from different cultures. | **9.** Compare and contrast the themes, settings, and plots of stories written by the same author about the same or similar characters (e.g., in books from a series). |
| *Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity* | | |
| **10.** With prompting and support, read prose and poetry of appropriate complexity for grade 1. | **10.** By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories and poetry, in the grades 2–3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. | **10.** By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, at the high end of the grades 2–3 text complexity band independently and proficiently. |

Reading Standards for Literature Pre-K–5 [RL]

| **Grade 4 students:** | **Grade 5 students:** |
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| *Key Ideas and Details* | |
| **1.** Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. | **1.** Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. |
| **2.** Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text. | **2.** Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text. |
| **3.** Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character’s thoughts, words, or actions). | **3.** Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact). |
| *Craft and Structure* | |
| **4.** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology (e.g., *Herculean*). | **4.** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative language such as metaphors and similes. |
| **5.** Explain major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., verse, rhythm, meter) and drama (e.g., casts of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when writing or speaking about a text. | **5.** Explain how a series of chapters, scenes, or stanzas fits together to provide the overall structure of a particular story, drama, or poem. |
| **6.** Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first- and third-person narrations. | **6.** Describe how a narrator’s or speaker’s point of view influences how events are described. |
| *Integration of Knowledge and Ideas* | |
| **7.** Make connections between the text of a story or drama and a visual or oral presentation of the text, identifying where each version reflects specific descriptions and directions in the text. | **7.** Analyze how visual and multimedia elements contribute to the meaning, tone, or beauty of a text (e.g., graphic novel, multimedia presentation of fiction, folktale, myth, poem). |
| **8.** (Not applicable to literature) | **8.** (Not applicable to literature) |
| **MA.8.A.** Locate and analyze examples of similes and metaphors in stories, poems, folktales, and plays, and explain how these literary devices enrich the text. | **MA.8.A.** Locate and analyze examples of foreshadowing in stories, poems, folktales, and plays. |
| **9.** Compare and contrast the treatment of similar themes and topics (e.g., opposition of good and evil) and patterns of events (e.g., the quest) in stories, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures. | **9.** Compare and contrast stories in the same genre (e.g., mysteries and adventure stories) on their approaches to similar themes and topics. |
| *Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity* | |
| **10.** By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, in the grades 4–5 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. | **10.** By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, at the high end of the grades 4–5 text complexity band independently and proficiently. |

Reading Standards for Informational Text Pre-K–5 [RI]

| **Pre-Kindergartners (older 4-year-olds to younger 5-year-olds):** | **Kindergartners:** |
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| *Key Ideas and Details* | |
| **MA.1.** With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about an informational text read aloud. | **1.** With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text. |
| **MA.2.** With prompting and support, recall important facts from an informational text after hearing it read aloud. | **2.** With prompting and support, identify the main topic and retell key details of a text. |
| **MA.3.** With prompting and support, represent or act out concepts learned from hearing an informational text read aloud (e.g., make a skyscraper out of blocks after listening to a book about cities or, following a read-aloud on animals, show how an elephant’s gait differs from a bunny’s hop). | **3.** With prompting and support, describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text. |
| *Craft and Structure* | |
| **MA.4.** With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about unfamiliar words in an informational text read aloud. | **4.** With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text. |
| **5.** (Begins in kindergarten or when the individual child is ready) | **5.** Identify the front cover, back cover, and title page of a book. |
| **MA.6.** With prompting and support, “read” illustrations in an informational picture book by describing facts learned from the pictures (e.g., how a seed grows into a plant). | **6.** Name the author and illustrator of a text and define the role of each in presenting the ideas or information in a text. |
| *Integration of Knowledge and Ideas* | |
| **MA.7.** With prompting and support, describe important details from an illustration or photograph. | **7.** With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the text in which they appear (e.g., what person, place, thing, or idea in the text an illustration depicts). |
| **8.** (Begins in kindergarten or when the individual child is ready) | **8.** With prompting and support, identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text. |
| **MA.9.** With prompting and support, identify several books on a favorite topic or several books by a favorite author or illustrator. | **9.** With prompting and support, identify basic similarities in and differences between two texts on the same topic (e.g., in illustrations, descriptions, or procedures). |
| *Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity* | |
| **MA.10.** Listen actively as an individual and as a member of a group to a variety of age-appropriate informational texts read aloud. | **10.** Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding. |

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| **Grade 1 students:** | **Grade 2 students:** | **Grade 3 stude** |
| *Key Ideas and Details* | | |
| **1.** Ask and answer questions about key details in a text. | **1.** Ask and answer such questions as *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how* to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. | **1.** Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers. |
| **2.** Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text. | **2.** Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text. | **2.** Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea. |
| **3.** Describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text. | **3.** Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. | **3.** Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect. |
| *Craft and Structure* | | |
| **4.** Ask and answer questions to help determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases in a text. | **4.** Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a *grade 2 topic or subject area*. | **4.** Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a *grade 3 topic or subject area*. |
| **5.** Know and use various text features (e.g., headings, tables of contents, glossaries, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text. | **5.** Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently. | **5.** Use text features and search tools (e.g., key words, sidebars, hyperlinks) to locate information relevant to a given topic efficiently. |
| **6.** Distinguish between information provided by pictures or other illustrations and information provided by the words in a text. | **6.** Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe. | **6.** Distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text. |
| *Integration of Knowledge and Ideas* | | |
| **7.** Use the illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas. | **7.** Explain how specific images (e.g., a diagram showing how a machine works) contribute to and clarify a text. | **7.** Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur). |
| **8.** Identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text. | **8.** Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text. | **8.** Describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text (e.g., comparison, cause/effect, first/second/third in a sequence). |
| **9.** Identify basic similarities in and differences between two texts on the same topic (e.g., in illustrations, descriptions, or procedures). | **9.** Compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic. | **9.** Compare and contrast the most important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic. |
| *Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity* | | |
| **10.** With prompting and support, read informational texts appropriately complex for grade 1. | **10.** By the end of year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the grades 2–3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. | **10.** By the end of the year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, at the high end of the grades 2–3 text complexity band independently and proficiently. |

Reading Standards for Informational Text Pre-K–5 [RI]

| **Grade 4 students:** | **Grade 5 students:** |
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| *Key Ideas and Details* | |
| 1. Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. | 1. Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. |
| 1. Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text. | 1. Determine two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details; summarize the text. |
| 1. Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text. | 1. Explain the relationships or interactions between two or more individuals, events, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text based on specific information in the text. |
| *Craft and Structure* | |
| 1. Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words or phrases in a text relevant to a *grade 4 topic or subject area*. | 1. Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a *grade 5 topic or subject area*. |
| 1. Describe the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text or part of a text. | 1. Compare and contrast the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in two or more texts. |
| 1. Compare and contrast a firsthand and secondhand account of the same event or topic; describe the differences in focus and the information provided. | 1. Analyze multiple accounts of the same event or topic, noting important similarities and differences in the point of view they represent. |
| *Integration of Knowledge and Ideas* | |
| 1. Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively (e.g., in charts, graphs, diagrams, time lines, animations, or interactive elements on Web pages) and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears. | 1. Draw on information from multiple print or digital sources, demonstrating the ability to locate an answer to a question quickly or to solve a problem efficiently. |
| 1. Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text. | 1. Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text, identifying which reasons and evidence support which point(s). |
| 1. Integrate information from two texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. | 1. Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. |
| *Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity* | |
| 1. By the end of year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the grades 4–5 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. | 1. By the end of the year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, at the high end of the grades 4–5 text complexity band independently and proficiently. |

Reading Standards for Literature 6–12 [RL]

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.*

| **Grade 6 students:** | **Grade 7 students:** | **Grade 8 students:** |
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| *Key Ideas and Details* | | |
| **1.** Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. | **1.** Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. | **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. |
| **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. | **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. | **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. |
| **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. | **3.** Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot). | **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. |
| *Craft and Structure* | | |
| **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. | **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. | **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. |
| **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. | **5.** Analyze how a drama’s or poem’s form or structure (e.g., soliloquy, sonnet) contributes to its meaning. | **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. |
| **6.** Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text. | **6.** Analyze how an author develops and contrasts the points of view of different characters or narrators in a text. | **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. |
| *Integration of Knowledge and Ideas* | | |
| **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. | **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). | **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. |
| **8.** (Not applicable to literature) | **8.** (Not applicable to literature) | **8.** (Not applicable to literature) |
| **MA.8.A.** Identify the conventions of legends and epics (e.g., the hero, quest, journey, seemingly impossible tasks) in historical and modern literary works. | **MA.8.A.** Interpret a literary work by analyzing how the author uses literary elements (e.g., mood, tone, point of view, personification, symbolism). | **MA.8.A.** Identify and analyze the characteristics of irony and parody in literary works. |

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| *Integration of Knowledge and Ideas (cont’d.)* | | |
| **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. | **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. | **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. |
| *Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity* | | |
| **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. | **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. | **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. |

Reading Standards for Literature 6–12 [RL]

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.

| **Grades 9–10 students:** | **Grades 11–12 students:** |
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| *Key Ideas and Details* | |
| **1.** Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. | **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. |
| **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. | **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. |
| **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. | **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* | |
| **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). | **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 as well as other authors.) |
| **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. | **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. |
| **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. | **6.** Analyze a case in which grasping point of view requires distinguishing what is directly stated in a text from what is really meant (e.g., satire, sarcasm, irony, or understatement). |
| *Integration of Knowledge and Ideas* | |
| **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*). | **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.) |
| **8.** (Not applicable to literature) | **8.** (Not applicable to literature) |
| **MA.8.A.** Relate a work of fiction, poetry, or drama to the seminal ideas of its time. | **MA.8.A.** Analyze a work of fiction, poetry, or drama using a variety of critical lenses (e.g., formal, psychological, historical, sociological, feminist). |
| **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). | **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. |
| *Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity* | |
| **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. | **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 Standards for Informational Text 6–12 [RI]

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| **Grade 6 students:** | **Grade 7 students:** | **Grade 8 students:** |
| *Key Ideas and Details* | | |
| **1.** Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. | **1.** Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. | **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. |
| **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. | **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. | **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. |
| **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). | **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). | **3.** Analyze how a text makes connections among and distinctions between individuals, ideas, or events (e.g., through comparisons, analogies, or categories). |
| *Craft and Structure* | | |
| **4.** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings. | **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. | **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. |
| **5.** Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas. | **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. | **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. |
| **6.** Determine an author’s point of view or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text. | **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. | **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. |
| *Integration of Knowledge and Ideas* | | |
| **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. | **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). | **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. |
| **8.** 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. | **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. | **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. |
| **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). | **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. | **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. |
| *Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity* | | |
| **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. | **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. | **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. |

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| **Grades 9–10 students:** | **Grades 11–12 students:** |
| *Key Ideas and Details* | |
| **1.** Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. | **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. |
| **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. | **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. |
| **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 that are drawn between them. | **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* | |
| **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). | **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). |
| **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). | **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. |
| **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. | **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. |
| *Integration of Knowledge and Ideas* | |
| **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. | **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. |
| **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. | **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., *The Federalist*, presidential addresses). |
| **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. | **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. |
| *Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity* | |
| **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. | 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. |

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

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| **Grades 6–8 students:** | **Grades 9–10 students:** | **Grades 11–12 students:** |
| *Key Ideas and Details* | | |
| **1.** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. | **1.** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information. | **1.** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole. |
| **2.** Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. | **2.** Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of how key events or ideas develop over the course of the text. | **2.** Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas. |
| **3.** Identify key steps in a text’s description of a process related to history/social studies (e.g., how a bill becomes law, how interest rates are raised or lowered). | **3.** Analyze in detail a series of events described in a text; determine whether earlier events caused later ones or simply preceded them. | **3.** Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where the text leaves matters uncertain. |
| *Craft and Structure* | | |
| **4.** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. | **4.** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies. | **4.** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines *faction* in *Federalist* No. 10). |
| **5.** Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally). | **5.** Analyze how a text uses structure to emphasize key points or advance an explanation or analysis. | **5.** Analyze in detail how a complex primary source is structured, including how key sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text contribute to the whole. |
| **6.** Identify aspects of a text that reveal an author’s point of view or purpose (e.g., loaded language, inclusion or avoidance of particular facts). | **6.** Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts. | **6.** Evaluate authors’ differing points of view on the same historical event or issue by assessing the authors’ claims, reasoning, and evidence. |
| *Integration of Knowledge and Ideas* | | |
| **7.** Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts. | **7.** Integrate quantitative or technical analysis (e.g., charts, research data) with qualitative analysis in print or digital text. | **7.** Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, as well as in words) in order to address a question or solve a problem. |
| **8.** Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment in a text. | **8.** Assess the extent to which the reasoning and evidence in a text support the author’s claims. | **8.** Evaluate an author’s premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information. |
| **9.** Analyze the relationship between a primary and secondary source on the same topic. | **9.** Compare and contrast treatments of the same topic in several primary and secondary sources. | **9.** Integrate information from diverse sources, both primary and secondary, into a coherent understanding of an idea or event, noting discrepancies among sources. |
| *Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity* | | |
| **10.** By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. | **10.** By the end of grade 10, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 9–10 text complexity band independently and proficiently. | **10.** By the end of grade 12, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 11–CCR text complexity band independently and proficiently. |