

# Grade 8

# ELA

# Item Specifications

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## Introduction

In 2014 Missouri legislators passed House Bill 1490, mandating the development of the Missouri Learning Expectations. In April of 2016, these Missouri Learning Expectations were adopted by the State Board of Education. Groups of Missouri educators from across the state collaborated to create the documents necessary to support the implementation of these expectations.

One of the documents developed is the item specification document, which includes all Missouri grade level/course expectations arranged by domains/strands. It defines what could be measured on a variety of assessments. The document serves as the foundation of the assessment development process.

Although teachers may use this document to provide clarity to the expectations, these specifications are intended for summative, benchmark, and large-scale assessment purposes.

Components of the item specifications include:

**Expectation Unwrapped** breaks down a list of clearly delineated content and skills the students are expected to know and be able to do upon mastery of the Expectation.

**Depth of Knowledge (DOK) Ceiling** indicates the highest level of cognitive complexity that would typically be assessed on a large scale assessment. The DOK ceiling is not intended to limit the complexity one might reach in classroom instruction.

**Item Format** indicates the types of items used in large scale assessment. For each expectation, the item format specifies the type best suited for that particular expectation.

Possible Item Format in ELA	Definition
Technology Enhanced - Drag and Drop	Click and drag an object to the appropriate location in the response area.
Technology Enhanced - Drop-down Menu	Select an answer from a drop-down menu.
Evidence-Based Selected-Response (EBSR), multi-part items	This item type has two parts. Each part may consist of one of three item types: Multiple Choice, Multi-select, and Hot Text. See those item types for descriptions of how to respond.
Technology Enhanced - Hot Spot/Text Highlight	Highlight an option by selecting it. Select one or more options.
Multiple Choice	Select the radio button corresponding to one of four options. Select only one option.
Multiple Select	Mark a radio button corresponding to an option. Mark more than one option. Item will provide number to select.
Writing Prompt	Respond via keyboard entry using text-formatting buttons.

**Text Types** suggests a broad list of text types for both literary and informational expectations. This list is not intended to be all inclusive: other text types may be used in the classroom setting. The expectations were written in grade level bands; for this reason, the progression of the expectations relies upon increasing levels of quantitative and qualitative text complexities.

**Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries** are parameters that item writers should consider when developing a large scale assessment. For example, some expectations should not be assessed on a large scale assessment but are better suited for local assessment.

**Sample stems** are examples that address the specific elements of each expectation and address varying DOK levels. The sample stems provided in this document are in no way intended to limit the depth and breadth of possible item stems. The expectation should be assessed in a variety of ways.

# Grade 8 English Language Arts

Reading Literary Text		8.RL.1.A
<b>1</b> <b>A</b> <b>MLS</b>	<b>Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader)</b> <b>Evidence/Inference</b> Draw conclusions, infer, and analyze by citing the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b></p> <p>The student will draw conclusions by citing textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly.</p> <p>The student will make inferences by citing textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly.</p> <p>The student will cite textual evidence that most strongly supports what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Item Format</u></b></p> <p>Selected Response Technology Enhanced</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Text Types</u></b></p> <p>Literary: e.g., poetry, drama, realistic fiction, historical fiction, folktale, legend, science fiction.</p> <p>Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u></b></p> <p>Inferences must be based on text and not require prior knowledge of content.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Sample Stems</u></b></p> <p>It can be inferred from the phrase "QUOTE" that _____.</p> <p>Which sentence best supports the inference that _____?</p> <p>What conclusion can be drawn from _____?</p>

## Grade 8 English Language Arts

Reading Literary Text		8.RL.1.B
<b>1 B MLS</b>	<b>Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader)</b> <b>Word Meanings</b> Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b>
<p>The student will determine the meanings of words and phrases as they are used in the text, using context, affixes, or reference materials.</p> <p>The student will determine the figurative meanings of words and phrases, using context, affixes, or reference materials.</p> <p>The student will determine the connotative meanings of words and phrases, using context, affixes, or reference materials.</p>		2
		<b><u>Item Format</u></b>
		Selected Response Technology Enhanced
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b>
		Literary: e.g., poetry, drama, realistic fiction, historical fiction, folktale, legend, science fiction  Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.

## Grade 8 English Language Arts

### Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries

When assessing figurative meaning, items need to provide enough context so that students can comprehend the meaning of the words and phrases that comprise the figurative techniques and how they impact understanding of the text.

### Sample Stems

What is the *intended* meaning of the phrase [QUOTE THAT INCLUDES FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE] within this passage?

What is the meaning of the author's use of the word *XX* in lines X-XX?

The prefix *a-* means "not." As it is used in the passage, the word *atypical* means \_\_\_\_ (answer choices).

Which phrase best expresses the meaning of the word *XX* as used in the sentence?

[DICTIONARY DEFINITION OF A WORD]  
Which definition best conveys the meaning of *XX* as it is used in the text?

Part A – What does \_\_\_\_ mean?  
Part B- What evidence supports this?

Read the dictionary entry for the word \_\_\_\_.  
Which definition best fits the word as it is used in the passage?

# Grade 8 English Language Arts

Reading Literary Text		8.RL.1.C
<b>1</b> <b>C</b> <b>MLS</b>	<b>Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader)</b> <b>Text Features</b> Interpret visual elements of a text and draw conclusions from them (when applicable).	
<u><b>Expectation Unwrapped</b></u>		<u><b>DOK Ceiling</b></u> 3
The student will interpret visual elements of a text.  The student will draw conclusions from visual elements of a text.		<u><b>Item Format</b></u> Selected Response Technology Enhanced
		<u><b>Text Types</b></u> Literary: e.g., poetry, drama, realistic fiction, historical fiction, folktale, legend, science fiction, graphic novel excerpt, music lyrics, film/video scripts, visual art.  Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.
<u><b>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</b></u>		<u><b>Sample Stems</b></u>
Visual elements in literary text include illustrations and animations.		How does the [VISUAL ELEMENT] develop the [LITERARY DEVICE]?  Based on [VISUAL ELEMENT], what conclusion can the reader draw about ____?  According to the (visual element), which event occurs ____?

## Grade 8 English Language Arts

Reading Literary Text		8.RL.1.D
<b>1 D MLS</b>	<b>Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader)</b> <b>Summarize/Theme</b> Using appropriate text, determine the theme(s) of a text and analyze its development over the course of a text; provide an objective summary of the text.	
<u><b>Expectation Unwrapped</b></u>		<u><b>DOK Ceiling</b></u> 3
<p>The student will determine the theme(s) of a text.</p> <p>The student will analyze theme development over the course of a text.</p> <p>The student will provide an objective summary of a text.</p>		<u><b>Item Format</b></u> Selected Response Technology Enhanced
		<u><b>Text Types</b></u> Literary: e.g., poetry, drama, realistic fiction, historical fiction, folktale, legend, science fiction  Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.

## Grade 8 English Language Arts

### Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries

*Items should not require students to order material sequentially.*

### Sample Stems

Which line from the text best develops or supports the theme of \_\_\_\_\_?

Which statement describes a theme in \_\_\_\_\_?

Read a summary about XX. Which detail from the text is important to add to this summary?

Read the following summaries about XX. Which summary is the most objective and concise?

Which theme is supported by the text?

Which pieces of text evidence best support the theme?

Complete the table by putting check marks in the appropriate boxes to match the theme to the textual information.

## Grade 8 English Language Arts

Reading Literary Text		8.RL.2.A
<b>2 A MLS</b>	<b>Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer)</b> <b>Structure</b> Analyze how an author’s choice concerning a text’s form or overall structure contributes to meaning.	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b>
<p>The student will analyze how an author’s choice concerning a text’s form contributes to meaning.</p> <p>The student will analyze how an author’s choice concerning a text’s overall structure contributes to meaning.</p>		3
		<b><u>Item Format</u></b>
		Selected Response Technology Enhanced
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b>
		Literary: e.g., poetry, drama, realistic fiction, historical fiction, folktale, legend, science fiction.  Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.

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### Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries

### Sample Stems

The author's use of [EXAMPLE: FLASHBACK] helps the reader understand \_\_\_\_\_.

How does the structure of the text \_\_\_\_\_?

How does the use of [THIS TYPE OF STRUCTURE] impact the reader? (In a selected response the distractors will limit the possible choices for impact.)

How does the narrator's extended description of [CHARACTER] at this point in the text contribute to overall meaning?

The author includes the description of [BLANK] to \_\_\_\_\_.

How does the author's choice to structure a passage with a (text feature) at the end contribute to the passage?

## Grade 8 English Language Arts

Reading Literary Text		8.RL.2.B
<b>2</b> <b>B</b> <b>MLS</b>	<b>Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer)</b> <b>Point of View</b> Analyze how differences in the points of view of the characters and the audience or reader create dramatic irony.	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b></p> <p>The student will analyze how the differences in points of view (perspective) of the characters and the audience or reader create dramatic irony in a text.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Item Format</u></b></p> <p>Selected Response Technology Enhanced</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Text Types</u></b></p> <p>Literary: e.g., poetry, drama, realistic fiction, historical fiction, folktale, legend, science fiction</p> <p>Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u></b></p> <p><i>The</i> term <i>point of view</i> is used synonymously with the term <i>perspective</i>. In literary text, point of view/perspective is how the narrator perceives what is happening in the story.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Sample Stems</u></b></p> <p>What might be lost/gained in the text if it were told from a different point of view? What is the impact of a text [COMPARING ONE POINT OF VIEW TO ANOTHER] _____?</p> <p>How does the author create dramatic irony by _____?</p> <p>How does point of view used in the passage affect the reader?</p>

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Reading Literary Text		8.RL.2.C
<b>2</b> <b>C</b> <b>MLS</b>	<b>Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer)</b> <b>Craft and Meaning</b> Analyze how specific word choices and sentence structures contribute to meaning and tone.	
<u><b>Expectation Unwrapped</b></u>		<u><b>DOK Ceiling</b></u> 3
The student will analyze how specific word choices contribute to meaning in a text.  The student will analyze how specific word choices contribute to tone in a text.  The student will analyze how sentence structures contribute to meaning in a text.  The student will analyze how sentence structures contribute to tone in a text.		<u><b>Item Format</b></u> Selected Response Technology Enhanced
		<u><b>Text Types</b></u> Literary: e.g., poetry, drama, realistic fiction, historical fiction, folktale, legend, science fiction.  Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.
<u><b>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</b></u>		<u><b>Sample Stems</b></u>
Sentence structures include simple sentences, compound sentences, complex sentences, compound-complex sentences, <i>and deliberate fragments</i> . Text pieces/item should provide enough context for students to comprehend the meaning, function, and/or purpose of the specific word choices and how this impacts understanding of the text.		How does the repetition of [A WORD] contribute to the overall meaning of the text?  In XX, how does the use of [SPECIFIC WORD CHOICE OR SENTENCE STRUCTURE FROM THE TEXT] impact the meaning and tone?  How does the author's word choice in paragraph 6 contribute to the tone?  The tone is best revealed through _____.

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Reading Literary Text		8.RL.2.D
<b>2 D MLS</b>	<p><b>Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer)</b>  <b>Interaction and Meaning</b>            Analyze how literary devices are used to develop setting, reveal character, advance the plot, and contribute to meaning.</p>	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b> 3
<p>The student will analyze how literary devices are used to develop setting in a text.</p> <p>The student will analyze how literary devices are used to reveal character in a text.</p> <p>The student will analyze how literary devices are used to advance the plot in a text.</p> <p>The student will analyze how literary devices are used to contribute to meaning in a text.</p>		<b><u>Item Format</u></b> Selected Response Technology Enhanced
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b> Literary: e.g., poetry, drama, realistic fiction, historical fiction, folktale, legend, science fiction  Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.
<b><u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u></b>		<b><u>Sample Stems</u></b>
<p>When assessing literary devices, items need to provide enough context so that students can comprehend the literary devices and how they impact understanding of the text.</p>		<p>How do the characters' actions in the text advance the plot/develop the theme of ____?</p> <p>How does the author's [USE OF LITERARY DEVICE] develop [SETTING, CHARACTERS, PLOT] in the text?</p> <p>How does the use of figurative language develop (setting, plot, etc.)?</p> <p>Which excerpts from the passage best reveal _____ is _____?</p>

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Reading Literary Text		8.RL.3.A
<b>3 A MLS</b>	<p><b>Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher)</b></p> <p><b>Text in Forms</b></p> <p>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.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b></p> <p>The student will analyze the extent to which a filmed or live production of a story or drama stays faithful to the text or script.</p> <p>The student will analyze the extent to which a filmed or live production of a story or drama departs from the text or script.</p> <p>The student will evaluate the choices made by the director or actors.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Item Format</u></b></p> <p>Selected Response Technology Enhanced Performance Event</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Text Types</u></b></p> <p>Literary: e.g., poetry, drama, realistic fiction, historical fiction, folktale, legend, science fiction.</p> <p>Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u></b></p> <p><i>Locally assessed.</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Sample Stems</u></b></p> <p>Describe the extent to which the film stays faithful to or departs from the text.</p>

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Reading Literary Text		8.RL.3.B
<b>3 B MLS</b>	<b>Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher)</b> <b>Relationships in Texts</b> Explain how contemporary texts make use of archetypal characters or universal themes from older or traditional texts.	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b> 3
The student will explain how contemporary texts make use of archetypal characters from older or traditional texts.  The student will explain how contemporary texts make use of universal themes from older or traditional texts.		<b><u>Item Format</u></b> Selected Response Technology Enhanced
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b> Literary: e.g., poetry, drama, realistic fiction, historical fiction, folktale, legend, science fiction.  Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.
		<b><u>Sample Stems</u></b> How does [CONTEMPORARY TEXT] draw upon the theme presented in [TRADITIONAL TEXT]?
<b><u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u></b>		
<i>Items must not require prior knowledge.</i>		

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Reading Literary Text		8.RL.3.C
<b>3</b> <b>C</b> <b>MLS</b>	<b>Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher)</b> <b>Historical Context</b> Explain how themes reflect historical and/or cultural contexts.	
<u><b>Expectation Unwrapped</b></u>		<u><b>DOK Ceiling</b></u> 3
The student will explain how themes reflect historical context in multiple texts.  The student will explain how themes reflect cultural context in multiple texts.		<u><b>Item Format</b></u> Selected Response Technology Enhanced
		<u><b>Text Types</b></u> Literary: e.g., poetry, drama, realistic fiction, historical fiction, folktale, legend, science fiction.  Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.
<u><b>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</b></u>		<u><b>Sample Stems</b></u>
Basic information: historical and/or cultural contexts will need to be provided in footnotes in the stimulus material.  <i>Items must not require prior knowledge.</i>		How does this theme reflect the time period?  How does this theme reflect the cultural context?  <i>How does the theme of [TEXT A] present a different [HISTORICAL/CULTURAL] context than that of [TEXT B]?</i>

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Reading Literary Text		8.RL.3.D
<b>3 D MLS</b>	<b>Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher)</b> <b>Comprehension</b> Read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, independently and proficiently.	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b> 2
The student will read and comprehend literature from multiple texts, including stories, dramas, and poems, independently and proficiently.		<b><u>Item Format</u></b> Selected Response Technology Enhanced
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b> Literary: e.g., poetry, drama, realistic fiction, historical fiction, folktale, legend, science fiction.  Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.
		<b><u>Sample Stems</u></b>
<b><u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u></b>		
Grade-appropriate text pieces should be used when assessing this expectation.  <i>Locally assessed.</i>		

# Grade 8 English Language Arts

Reading Informational Text		8.RI.1.A
<b>1 A MLS</b>	<b>Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader)</b> <b>Evidence/Inference</b> Draw conclusions, infer, and analyze by citing the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	
<u><b>Expectation Unwrapped</b></u>		<u><b>DOK Ceiling</b></u> 3
<p>The student will draw conclusions by citing textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly.</p> <p>The student will make inferences by citing textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly.</p> <p>The student will cite textual evidence that most strongly supports what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</p>		<u><b>Item Format</b></u> Selected Response Technology Enhanced
		<u><b>Text Types</b></u> Informational: e.g., narrative nonfiction, informative/ explanatory, opinion, persuasive, argumentative, infographics, historical speeches, interviews, political cartoons.  Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.
<u><b>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</b></u>		<u><b>Sample Stems</b></u>
Inferences must be based on text and not require prior knowledge of content.		<p>It can be inferred from the phrase “QUOTE” that _____.</p> <p>Which piece of text evidence best supports the inference/conclusion that _____?</p> <p>Part A – What is the central idea?</p> <p>Part B – How is this developed over the passage?</p>

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Reading Informational Text		8.RI.1.B
<b>1 B MLS</b>	<p><b>Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader)</b></p> <p><b>Word Meanings</b></p> <p>Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative, connotative, and content-specific meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.</p>	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b>
<p>The student will determine the meanings of words and phrases as they are used in the text, using context, affixes, or reference materials.</p> <p>The student will determine the figurative meanings of words and phrases as they are used in the text, using context, affixes, or reference materials.</p> <p>The student will determine the connotative meanings of words and phrases as they are used in the text, using context, affixes, or reference materials.</p> <p>The student will determine the content-specific meanings of words and phrases as they are used in the text, using context, affixes, or reference materials.</p>		2
		<b><u>Item Format</u></b>
		<p>Selected Response Technology Enhanced</p>
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b>
		<p>Informational: e.g., narrative nonfiction, informative/ explanatory, opinion, persuasive, argumentative.</p> <p>Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.</p>

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### Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries

When assessing figurative meaning, items need to provide enough context so that students can comprehend the meaning of the words and phrases that comprise the figurative techniques and how they impact understanding of the text.

### Sample Stems

What is the intended meaning of the phrase “[quote that includes figurative language]”?

What is the meaning of the author’s use of the word *XX* as used in lines X-XX?

The prefix *a-* means “not.” As it is used in the passage, the word *atypical* means \_\_\_\_ (answer choices).

Which phrase/definition best expresses the meaning of the word *XX* as used in the sentence?

[DICTIONARY DEFINITION OF A WORD.]

Which definition best conveys the meaning of *XX* as it is used in the text?

# Grade 8 English Language Arts

Reading Informational Text		8.RI.1.C
<b>1</b> <b>C</b> <b>MLS</b>	<b>Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader)</b> <b>Text Features</b> Interpret visual elements of a text including those from different media and draw conclusions from them (when applicable).	
<u><b>Expectation Unwrapped</b></u>		<u><b>DOK Ceiling</b></u> 3
The student will interpret visual elements of a text, including those from different media.  The student will draw conclusions from the visual elements of the text, including those from different media.		<u><b>Item Format</b></u> Selected Response Technology Enhanced
		<u><b>Text Types</b></u> Informational: e.g., narrative nonfiction, informative/ explanatory, opinion, persuasive, argumentative.  Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.
<u><b>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</b></u>		<u><b>Sample Stems</b></u> How does the [INSERT VISUAL ELEMENT] develop the central idea?  Based on [INSERT VISUAL ELEMENT], what conclusion can the reader draw about _____?  According to the chart, [EXAMPLE: HOW MANY HOURS OF SLEEP] is necessary/unnecessary for _____?  Which information in the chart best supports the author’s statement that [QUOTE]?  The photo shows _____.

## Grade 8 English Language Arts

Reading Informational Text		8.RI.1.D
<b>1 D MLS</b>	<b>Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader)</b> <b>Summarize/Claim</b> Explain the central/main idea(s) of a text and analyze its development over the course of a text; provide an objective summary of the text.	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b>
The student will explain the central/main idea(s) of a text.  The student will analyze the central/main idea(s) development over the course of a text.  The student will provide an objective summary of the text.		3
		<b><u>Item Format</u></b>
		Selected Response Technology Enhanced
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b>
		Informational: e.g., narrative nonfiction, informative/ explanatory, opinion, persuasive, argumentative.  Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.

## Grade 8 English Language Arts

### Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries

*Items should not require students to order information sequentially.*

### Sample Stems

Which line from the text best develops or supports the central/main idea of \_\_\_\_\_?  
Which statement describes a central/main idea in \_\_\_\_\_?

Read a summary about XX. Which detail from the text is important to add to this summary?

Read the following summaries about XX. Which summary is the most objective and concise?

Which central/main idea is supported by the text?

Which pieces of text evidence best support the central/main idea?

Complete the table by putting check marks in the appropriate boxes to match the textual evidence to the central/main idea.

## Grade 8 English Language Arts

Reading Informational Text		8.RI.2.A
<b>2 A MLS</b>	<b>Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer)</b> <b>Structure</b> Analyze how an author’s choice concerning a text’s organization or overall structure contributes to meaning.	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b> 3
The student will analyze how an author’s choice concerning a text’s organization contributes to meaning.  The student will analyze how an author’s choice concerning a text’s overall structure contributes to meaning.		<b><u>Item Format</u></b> Selected Response Technology Enhanced
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b> Informational: e.g., narrative nonfiction, informative/ explanatory, opinion, persuasive, argumentative.  Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.
<b><u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u></b>		<b><u>Sample Stems</u></b>
Any stimulus material should be limited to contain one overall text structure.		The author’s use of [TYPE OF TEXT STRUCTURE] helps the reader understand ____?  How does the structure of the text ____?  How does the use of [THIS TYPE OF STRUCTURE] impact the reader?  How does the author’s choice of overall structure contribute to meaning?  How does the author’s inclusion of the first paragraph contribute to the meaning of the passage?

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Reading Informational Text		8.RI.2.B
<b>2 B MLS</b>	<b>Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer)</b> <b>Point of View</b> Analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or points of view in a text.	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b> 3
<p>The student will analyze how the author acknowledges conflicting evidence in a text.</p> <p>The student will analyze how the author acknowledges conflicting points of view (perspective) in a text.</p> <p>The student will analyze how the author responds to conflicting evidence in a text.</p> <p>The student will analyze how the author responds to conflicting points of view (perspective) in a text.</p>		<b><u>Item Format</u></b> Selected Response Technology Enhanced
<b><u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u></b>		<b><u>Text Types</u></b> Informational: e.g., narrative nonfiction, informative/ explanatory, opinion, persuasive, argumentative  Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.
<p>Stimulus materials must feature the author explicitly identifying his/her own conflicting evidence/points of view.</p> <p>The term <i>point of view</i> is used synonymously with the term <i>perspective</i>.</p>		<b><u>Sample Stems</u></b> How does the author recognize/ <i>respond to</i> conflicting evidence in the text?  What popular opinion does the author acknowledge but disagree with in the passage?  Select sentences in the passage that show _____ has a different point of view than other characters.

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Reading Informational Text		8.RI.2.C
<b>2 C MLS</b>	<b>Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer)</b> <b>Craft and Meaning</b> Analyze how word choice and sentence structure contribute to meaning and tone.	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b> 3
<p>The student will analyze how specific word choices contribute to meaning in a text.</p> <p>The student will analyze how specific word choices contribute to tone in a text.</p> <p>The student will analyze how sentence structures contribute to meaning in a text.</p> <p>The student will analyze how sentence structures contribute to tone in a text.</p>		<b><u>Item Format</u></b> Selected Response Technology Enhanced
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b> Informational: e.g., narrative nonfiction, informative/ explanatory, opinion, persuasive, argumentative.  Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.
<b><u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u></b>		<b><u>Sample Stems</u></b>
<p>Sentence structures include simple sentences, compound sentences, complex sentences, compound-complex sentences, <i>and deliberate fragments</i>.</p> <p>Stimulus material should provide enough context for students to comprehend the meaning, function, and/or purpose of the specific word choices and how this impacts understanding of the text.</p>		<p>How does the repetition of [A WORD] contribute to the overall meaning of the text?</p> <p>In XX, how does the use of [SPECIFIC WORD CHOICE OR SENTENCE STRUCTURE FROM THE TEXT] impact the meaning and tone?</p> <p>How does the author's word choice in paragraph 6 contribute to the tone?</p> <p>The tone is best revealed through _____.</p> <p>How does the author's sentence structure/word choice/etc. contribute to tone?</p>

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Reading Informational Text		8.RI.2.D
<b>2 D MLS</b>	<p><b>Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer)</b></p> <p><b>Argument/Evidence</b></p> <p>Evaluate an author’s argument, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced.</p>	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b> 3
<p>The student will evaluate an author’s argument by assessing whether the reasoning is sound in a text.</p> <p>The student will evaluate an author’s argument by assessing whether the evidence is relevant and sufficient in a text.</p> <p>The student will recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced in a text.</p>		<b><u>Item Format</u></b> Selected Response Technology Enhanced
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b> Informational: e.g., narrative nonfiction, informative/ explanatory, opinion, persuasive, argumentative.  Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.
<b><u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u></b>		<b><u>Sample Stems</u></b>
<p>Stimulus material should provide enough context for students to comprehend the meaning, function, and/or purpose of the specific word choices and how this impacts understanding of the text.</p>		<p>Which statement would best support the author’s claim?</p> <p>Which statement provides relevant evidence to support the author’s claim?</p> <p>Which best evaluates the relevance of evidence provided to support the author’s claim?</p> <p>Is there enough evidence presented by the author sufficient to _____?</p>

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Reading Informational Text		8.RI.3.A
<b>3 A MLS</b>	<b>Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher)</b> <b>Texts/Forms</b> Compare and contrast information presented in different mediums and analyze how the techniques unique to each medium contribute to meaning.	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b> 3
The student will compare and contrast information presented in different mediums.  The student will analyze how the techniques unique to each medium contribute to meaning.		<b><u>Item Format</u></b> Selected Response Technology Enhanced
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b> Informational: e.g., narrative nonfiction, informative/ explanatory, opinion, persuasive, argumentative.  Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.
<b><u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u></b>		<b><u>Sample Stems</u></b>
<i>For state testing, text could include print combined with screenshots of digital (web page); however, video and audio options are not currently available.</i>		How do the different media formats of XX influence how the [TOPIC] is portrayed?  How does the media format of XX impact the reader's understanding of ____?  How does each media format contribute to meaning? [Medium 1] does ____ while [Medium 2] does _____.

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Reading Informational Text		8.RI.3.B
<b>3 B MLS</b>	<p><b>Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher)</b></p> <p><b>Relationships/ Texts</b></p> <p>Analyze two or more texts that provide conflicting information on the same topic, and identify where the texts disagree on matter of fact or interpretation.</p>	
<p><b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b></p> <p>The student will analyze two or more texts that provide conflicting information on the same topic.</p> <p>The student will identify where two or more texts disagree on a matter of fact or interpretation.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Item Format</u></b></p> <p>Selected Response Technology Enhanced</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Text Types</u></b></p> <p>Informational: e.g., narrative nonfiction, informative/ explanatory, opinion, persuasive, argumentative.</p> <p>Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.</p>

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### Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries

For assessment, students should not analyze more than two texts.

### Sample Stems

What do the two texts reveal about [IDEA/TOPIC]?

- a. Both A and B reveal \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Both A and B reveal \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Text A reveals \_\_\_\_\_; Text B reveals \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Text A reveals \_\_\_\_\_; Text B reveals \_\_\_\_\_.

The texts provide conflicting information on the topic of [XX]. Identify where the texts disagree.

What conflicting information do the authors of the two passage present?

Which sentence describes how the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ present the idea of \_\_\_\_\_ differently?

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Reading Informational Text		8.RI.3.C
<b>3 C MLS</b>	<b>Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher)</b> <b>Historical Context</b> Explain how the central ideas of text reflect historical and/or cultural contexts.	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b> 3
The student will explain how the central ideas of multiple texts reflect historical contexts.  The student will explain how the central ideas of multiple texts reflect cultural contexts.		<b><u>Item Format</u></b> Selected Response Technology Enhanced
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b> Informational: e.g., narrative nonfiction, informative/ explanatory, opinion, persuasive, argumentative.  Text complexity will increase both qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.
<b><u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u></b>		<b><u>Sample Stems</u></b>
Basic information regarding historical and/or cultural context will need to be provided in the footnotes in the stimulus material. <i>Items may not require prior knowledge.</i>		How does the central idea of the text reflect the time period?  What does the central idea of the text reveal about [HISTORICAL TIME PERIOD]?

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Reading Informational Text		8.RI.3.D
<b>3 D MLS</b>	<b>Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher)</b> <b>Comprehension</b> Read and comprehend informational text independently and proficiently.	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b>
The student will read and comprehend informational text independently and proficiently.		3
		<b><u>Item Format</u></b>
		Selected Response Technology Enhanced
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b>
		Informational: e.g., narrative nonfiction, informative/ explanatory, opinion, persuasive, argumentative
<b><u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u></b>		<b><u>Sample Stems</u></b>
Grade-level-appropriate text pieces should be used when assessing this expectation.  <i>Locally assessed.</i>		

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Writing		8.W.1.A
<b>1 A MLS a</b>	<b>Approaching the Task as a Researcher</b> <b>Research</b> Conduct research to answer a question (including a self-generated question); gather relevant, credible sources, print and digital; integrate information using a standard citation system.	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b>
The student will conduct research to answer a question, including a self-generated question.  The student will gather relevant print and digital sources.  The student will gather credible print and digital sources.  The student will integrate information using a standard citation system.		3
		<b><u>Item Format</u></b>
		Selected Response Technology Enhanced
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b>

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### Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries

Items should not assess a specific standard citation system.

### Sample Stems

A student is writing an argumentative report about [TOPIC]. She found sources for her report. Read the sources and answer the questions that follow. Which of the sources would provide the most relevant/credible information?

A student is writing a report about [TOPIC]. He found sources for his report. Read the sources below and the directions that follow. The student wrote down some claims to use in his report. Look at the claims on the table. Determine whether the information in the sources supports each claim. Click on the boxes to show the claims that each source supports. A source may have more than one box selected.

A student has written the following overly broad paragraph. [OVERLY BROAD IN FOCUS PARAGRAPH.] Which research question would help to narrow the topic appropriately?

A student is trying to prove the claim that [FOUR-DAY SCHOOL WEEKS BENEFIT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT]. Which of the following research questions would help her achieve that purpose?

A student is conducting research on [THE BENEFITS OF TWO NUTRITIONAL PLANS]. Which of the following research questions would best guide the student's research?

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Writing		8.W.1.A
<b>1 A MLS b</b>	<b>Approaching the Task as a Researcher</b> <b>Research</b> Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b>
<p>The student will gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources.</p> <p>The student will use search terms effectively.</p> <p>The student will assess the credibility of multiple print and digital sources.</p> <p>The student will assess the accuracy of multiple print and digital sources.</p> <p>The student will quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism.</p> <p>The student will follow a standard format for citation.</p>		3
		<b><u>Item Format</u></b>
		Selected Response Technology Enhanced
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b>

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### Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries

Application of these techniques should increase qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.

### Sample Stems

A student is writing a persuasive speech for his speech class about [TOPIC]. Read the paragraphs from the student's draft and complete the task that follows. Select two credible sources that would most likely give the student more information for his speech. [IN A PERFORMANCE EVENT STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO DO RESEARCH WRITING BASED ON MULTIPLE SOURCES. THROUGH THIS WRITING PROMPT WE WILL MEASURE A STUDENT'S ABILITY TO INTEGRATE INFORMATION FROM SOURCES AND AVOID PLAGIARISM BY DEVELOPING AND FOLLOWING A CONSISTENT FORM OF CITATION.]

A student is writing an informative essay about [TOPIC]. Read the excerpt below and then answer the question that follows. Which sentence from Source A would best support the student's point?

Read the paragraph below from a source. [INSERT EXAMPLE.] Click or highlight the sentences from the source that best support the writer's claim that \_\_\_\_\_.

*Which search terms would most likely return relevant results for the topic \_\_\_\_\_?*

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Writing		8.W.2.A.a
<b>2</b> <b>A</b> <b>MLS</b> <b>a</b>	<b>Approaching the Task as a Writer</b> <b>Development</b> Follow a writing process to produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, style, and voice are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience; develop writing with narrative, expository, and argumentative techniques. Narrative: Develop narratives including poems about real or imagined experiences which establish and maintain a consistent point of view and include clearly identified characters, well-structured event sequences, narrative techniques, and relevant descriptive details.	
<u><b>Expectation Unwrapped</b></u>		<u><b>DOK Ceiling</b></u> 3
<p>The student will follow a writing process to develop narratives, including poems.</p> <p>The student will produce clear and coherent narrative writing with development, organization, style, and voice.</p> <p>The student will produce narrative writing appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p>The student will develop narrative writing, about real or imagined experiences, that establishes and maintains a consistent point of view.</p> <p>The student will include clearly identified characters, well-structured event sequences, narrative techniques, and relevant descriptive details.</p>		<u><b>Item Format</b></u> Writing Prompt
		<u><b>Text Types</b></u>
<u><b>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</b></u>		<u><b>Sample Stems</b></u>
<p>Students should be assessed for narrative techniques that have been taught K–5 with the application of these techniques increasing qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.</p> <p><i>This standard can be assessed using the state and/or district scoring guide</i>  <a href="https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/curr-ela-gl-asmt-scoring-guide-narrative-grade-3-8.pdf">https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/curr-ela-gl-asmt-scoring-guide-narrative-grade-3-8.pdf</a></p>		

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Writing		8.W.2.A.b
<b>2 A MLS b</b>	<p><b>Approaching the Task as a Writer</b></p> <p><b>Development</b></p> <p>Follow a writing process to produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, style, and voice are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience; develop writing with narrative, expository, and argumentative techniques.</p> <p>Expository: Develop informative/explanatory writing to examine a topic with relevant facts, examples, and details; establish relationships between ideas and supporting evidence.</p>	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b> 3
<p>The student will follow a writing process to develop expository writing.</p> <p>The student will produce clear and coherent informative/explanatory writing with appropriate development, organization, style, and voice.</p> <p>The student will produce informative/explanatory writing appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p>The student will develop informative/explanatory writing with expository techniques.</p> <p>The student will develop informative/explanatory writing to examine a topic with relevant facts, examples, and details.</p> <p>The student will develop informative/explanatory writing that establishes relationships between ideas and supporting evidence.</p>		<b><u>Item Format</u></b> Writing Prompt
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b>
<b><u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u></b>		<b><u>Sample Stems</u></b>
<p>The application of expository writing techniques should increase qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.</p> <p>Item types must contain all needed information in order to <i>produce</i> the expository <i>essay</i>; no prior knowledge of the expository topic should be necessary.</p> <p><i>This standard can be assessed using the state and/or district scoring guide</i></p> <p><a href="https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/curr-ela-gl-asmt-scoring-guide-informational-explanatory-grades-3-8.pdf">https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/curr-ela-gl-asmt-scoring-guide-informational-explanatory-grades-3-8.pdf</a></p>		

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Writing		8.W.2.A.c
<b>2 A MLS c</b>	<p><b>Approaching the Task as a Writer</b></p> <p><b>Development</b></p> <p>Follow a writing process to produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, style, and voice are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience; develop writing with narrative, expository, and argumentative techniques.</p> <p>Argumentative: Develop argumentative writing by introducing and supporting a claim with clear reasons and relevant evidence, acknowledging counterclaims, and establishing relationships between claims and supporting evidence.</p>	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b> 3
<p>The student will follow a writing process to develop argumentative writing.</p> <p>The student will produce clear and coherent argumentative writing with appropriate development, organization, style, and voice.</p> <p>The student will produce argumentative writing appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p>The student will develop writing using argumentative techniques.</p> <p>The student will develop argumentative writing by introducing and supporting a claim with clear reasons and relevant evidence.</p> <p>The student will acknowledge counterclaims.</p> <p>The student will establish relationships among claims, counterclaims, and supporting evidence.</p>		<b><u>Item Format</u></b>  Writing Prompt
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b>
<b><u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u></b>		<b><u>Sample Stems</u></b>
<p>The application of argumentative writing techniques should increase qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.</p> <p><i>Item types must contain all needed information in order to produce the argument; no prior knowledge of the argument's topic should be necessary.</i></p> <p><i>This standard can be assessed using the state scoring guide <a href="https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/curr-ela-gl-asm-t-scoring-guide-argumentative-grades-6-8.pdf">https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/curr-ela-gl-asm-t-scoring-guide-argumentative-grades-6-8.pdf</a></i></p>		

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Writing		8.W.3.A.a
<b>3</b> <b>A</b> <b>MLS</b> <b>a</b>	<b>Approaching the Task as a Reader</b> <b>Revise and Edit</b> Review, revise, and edit writing with consideration for the task, purpose, and audience. Organization and content: Introduce the topic, maintain a clear focus throughout the text, and provide a conclusion that follows from the text. Add or delete content and change organization to achieve the writer’s purpose.	
<u><b>Expectation Unwrapped</b></u>		<u><b>DOK Ceiling</b></u> 3
The student will review, revise, and edit writing with consideration for task, purpose, and audience of a text.  The student will organize content by introducing the topic.  The student will organize content by maintaining a clear focus.  The student will organize content by providing a conclusion that follows from the text.  The student will add or delete content to achieve the text’s purpose.  The student will change organization to achieve the text’s purpose.		<u><b>Item Format</b></u> Selected Response Technology Enhanced Writing Prompt
<u><b>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</b></u>		<u><b>Text Types</b></u>
The application of these writing techniques should increase qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels. Aspects of this expectation are more appropriately assessed using certain item formats (e.g., organization, introduction, and conclusion can be assessed by selected response, but “maintaining a clear focus throughout the text” should be assessed by constructed response/performance event).		<u><b>Sample Stems</b></u> A student is writing a report for [TOPIC]. Read the draft of the report and complete the task that follows. Write a conclusion that follows logically from the information in the essay.  The student has written a draft about [TOPIC]. Read the draft. Which option below would be the best introductory sentence?

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Writing		8.W.3.A.b
<b>3</b> <b>A</b> <b>MLS</b> <b>b</b>	<b>Approaching the Task as a Reader</b> <b>Revise and Edit</b> Review, revise, and edit writing with consideration for the task, purpose, and audience. Word choice, syntax, and style: Choose precise language and make syntactical choices appropriate for the style, task, and audience.	
<u><b>Expectation Unwrapped</b></u>		<u><b>DOK Ceiling</b></u> 3
The student will review, revise, and edit writing with consideration for the task, purpose, and audience of a text.		<u><b>Item Format</b></u> Selected Response Technology Enhanced Writing Prompt
The student will choose precise language appropriate for the style, task, and audience of a text.		
The student will make syntactical choices appropriate for the style, task, and audience of a text.		
		<u><b>Text Types</b></u>

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### Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries

The use of word choice, syntax, and style should increase qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.

### Sample Stems

A student is writing a narrative for a creative-writing class assignment. Read an excerpt from the draft and answer the question that follows. [STUDENT TEXT.] Which revision to the underlined sentence uses the most precise language?

A student is writing an explanatory essay about [TOPIC]. Read the draft and the directions that follow. [STUDENT TEXT.] The student wants to revise the underlined sentences to elaborate on the problem in a way that is consistent with the overall tone and style.

**Part A:** Which is the best revision for the following sentence (in regard to the first underlined sentence)?

Which sentence needs to be revised so that it matches the style of the paragraph/passage?

**Part B:** Which is the best revision for the following sentence (in regard to the second underlined sentence)?

Read the paragraphs from a student's draft. [DRAFT EXAMPLE.] What are more concrete or specific words to replace the two underlined words?

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<b>Writing</b>		<b>8.W.3.A.c</b>
<b>3 A MLS c</b>	<p><b>Approaching the Task as a Reader</b></p> <p><b>Revise and Edit</b></p> <p>Review, revise, and edit writing with consideration for the task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p>Conventions of standard English and usage: Demonstrate a command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage, including spelling and punctuation.</p>	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b> 2
<p>The student will review, revise, and edit writing with consideration for the task, purpose, and audience of a text.</p> <p>The student will demonstrate a command of the conventions of standard English grammar in a text.</p> <p>The student will demonstrate a command of the conventions of standard English usage in a text.</p> <p>The student will demonstrate a command of spelling in a text.</p> <p>The student will demonstrate a command of punctuation in a text.</p>		<b><u>Item Format</u></b> Writing Prompt
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b>
<b><u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u></b>		<b><u>Sample Stems</u></b>
<p>The application of the effective use of the conventions of standard English and usage should increase qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.</p> <p>On a large-scale assessment, this expectation can only be assessed only through a writing prompt.</p>		

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Writing		8.W.3.A.d
<b>3</b> <b>A</b> <b>MLS</b> <b>d</b>	<p><b>Approaching the Task as a Reader</b></p> <p><b>Revise and Edit</b></p> <p>Review, revise, and edit writing with consideration for the task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p>Use a variety of appropriate transitions to clarify relationships, connect ideas and claims, and signal time shifts.</p>	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b> 3
<p>The student will review, revise, and edit writing with consideration for the task, purpose, and audience of a text.</p> <p>The student will use a variety of appropriate transitions to clarify relationships in a text.</p> <p>The student will use a variety of appropriate transitions to connect ideas and claims in a text.</p> <p>The student will use a variety of appropriate transitions to signal time shifts in a text.</p>		<b><u>Item Format</u></b> Selected Response Technology Enhanced Writing Prompt
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b>
<b><u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u></b>		<b><u>Sample Stems</u></b>
<p>Writing complexity, including the application of transitions, will increase qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.</p>		<p>A student is writing an essay. Read the excerpt from the draft and complete the task that follows. Choose the transitional sentence that would improve the flow between the first and second paragraph.</p> <p>Read these sentences from the essay. [SENTENCES.] Which transitional word or phrase replaces the underlined word without changing the meaning of the sentence?</p>

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Writing		8.W.3.A.e
<b>3</b> <b>A</b> <b>MLS</b> <b>e</b>	<b>Approaching the Task as a Reader</b> <b>Revise and Edit</b> Review, revise, and edit writing with consideration for the task, purpose, and audience. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing, present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently, and interact and collaborate with others.	
<u><b>Expectation Unwrapped</b></u>		<u><b>DOK Ceiling</b></u> 3
<p>The student will review, revise, and edit writing with consideration for the task, purpose, and audience of a text.</p> <p>The student will use technology, including the Internet, to develop a text.</p> <p>The student will use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing.</p> <p>The student will use technology, including the Internet, to present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently in a text.</p> <p>The student will use technology, including the Internet, to interact and collaborate with others to develop a text.</p>		<u><b>Item Format</b></u> Selected Response Technology Enhanced Writing Prompt
<u><b>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</b></u>		<u><b>Text Types</b></u>
<p>Writing complexity should increase qualitatively and quantitatively through the grade levels.            Using technology, including the Internet, to interact and collaborate with others will be locally assessed.</p>		<u><b>Sample Stems</b></u>

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Speaking and Listening		8.SL.1.A
<b>1</b> <b>A</b> <b>MLS</b>	<b>Collaborating Conversations</b> Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.	
<u>Expectation Unwrapped</u>		<u>DOK Ceiling</u> <b>2</b>
The student will follow rules for collegial discussions and decision making while collaborating.  The student will track progress toward specific goals and deadlines while collaborating.  The student will define individual roles as needed while collaborating.		<u>Item Format</u> Performance Event
		<u>Text Types</u>
<u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u>		<u>Sample Stems</u>
Locally assessed		

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Speaking and Listening		8.SL.1.B
<b>1 B MLS</b>	<p><b>Collaborating</b></p> <p><b>Questioning</b></p> <p>Delineate a speaker’s argument and claims, evaluating reasoning and sufficiency of evidence in order to pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others’ questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.</p>	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b> 3
<p>The student will delineate a speaker’s argument and claims.</p> <p>The student will evaluate reasoning and sufficiency of evidence in order to pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers.</p> <p>The student will respond to others’ questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.</p>		<b><u>Item Format</u></b> Selected Response Technology Enhanced Performance Event
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b> Media, audio, and/or audio/visual clips
<b><u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u></b>		<b><u>Sample Stems</u></b>
<p>Collaboration component is locally assessed.</p> <p>This has to be assessed with media/audio component; otherwise, it becomes a reading assessment item.</p> <p>This expectation is partially assessed within a state assessment: The students will delineate a speaker’s argument and claims.</p> <p>Be sure to include argumentative, narrative and informational type listening genres. Stimulus must have a clear claim.</p> <p><i>[Note the comma placed after “otherwise” above.]</i></p>		<p>What is one claim the speaker makes in the presentation?</p> <p>The first claim the speaker delineates is _____.</p> <p>Which ideas are supported in the passage (can be technology enhanced)?</p> <p>Which main idea is best supported by the passage?</p> <p>Which statement from the presentation describes _____?</p>

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Speaking and Listening		8.SL.1.C
<b>1</b> <b>C</b> <b>MLS</b>	<b>Collaborating</b> <b>Viewpoints of others</b> Acknowledge new information expressed by others including those presented in diverse media and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of evidence presented.	
<u>Expectation Unwrapped</u>		<u>DOK Ceiling</u> 3
<p>The student will acknowledge the new information and viewpoints of others, including those presented in diverse media.</p> <p>The student will, when warranted, qualify or justify his/her own views in light of evidence presented from others' viewpoints.</p>		<u>Item Format</u> Selected Response Technology Enhanced
<u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u>		<u>Text Types</u> Media, audio, and/or audio/visual clips
<p>Collaboration component needs to be locally assessed.</p> <p>This expectation has to be assessed with a media/audio component; otherwise, it becomes a reading assessment item.</p> <p><i>[Note the comma placed after "otherwise" above.]</i></p>		<u>Sample Stems</u> <p>What evidence supports the idea/conclusion?</p> <p>Does the author make a valid case for ____?</p> <p>What is the main idea of the passage?</p> <p>Listen to the presentation. Which questions could be answered with the information provided in the presentation?</p> <p>According to the presentation, how did ____?</p> <p>According to the speaker, what were ____?</p> <p>The speaker would agree with which of the following statements?</p>

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Speaking and Listening		8.SL.2.A
<b>2 A MLS</b>	<p><b>Presenting</b></p> <p><b>Verbal Delivery</b></p> <p>Speak audibly and to the point, using conventions of language as appropriate to task, purpose, and audience when presenting including appropriate volume, clear articulation, and accurate pronunciation at an understandable pace.</p>	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b>
<p>The student will speak audibly and to the point when presenting.</p> <p>Students will use conventions of language as appropriate to task, purpose, and audience when presenting.</p> <p>The student will use appropriate volume, clear articulation, and accurate pronunciation, at an understandable pace, when presenting.</p>		3
		<b><u>Item Format</u></b>
		Performance Event
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b>
<b><u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u></b>		<b><u>Sample Stems</u></b>
<p>Locally assessed</p> <p>This expectation is best assessed in conjunction with another English Language Arts reading or writing expectation.</p>		

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Speaking and Listening		8.SL.2.B
<b>2 B MLS</b>	<p><b>Presenting</b> <b>Nonverbal</b></p> <p>Make consistent eye contact with a range of listeners when speaking, using effective gestures to communicate a clear viewpoint and engage listeners.</p>	
<b><u>Expectation Unwrapped</u></b>		<b><u>DOK Ceiling</u></b> 3
<p>The student will make consistent eye contact with a range of listeners when speaking.</p> <p>The student will use effective gestures to communicate a clear viewpoint and engage listeners.</p>		<b><u>Item Format</u></b> Performance Event
		<b><u>Text Types</u></b>
<b><u>Content Limits/Assessment Boundaries</u></b>		<b><u>Sample Stems</u></b>
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Speaking and Listening		8.SL.2.C
<b>2</b> <b>C</b> <b>MLS</b>	<b>Presenting</b> <b>Multimedia</b> Plan and deliver appropriate presentations based on the task, audience, and purpose integrating multimedia into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.	
<u><b>Expectation Unwrapped</b></u>		<u><b>DOK Ceiling</b></u> 4
The student will plan and deliver appropriate presentations based on the task, audience, and purpose.  The student will integrate multimedia into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.		<u><b>Item Format</b></u> Performance Event
		<u><b>Text Types</b></u>
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