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#	STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES	CORRESPONDING CCSS
1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly in grade 8 text(s).	RI.8.1
2.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of inferences drawn from grade 8 text(s).	RI.8.1
3.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas .	RI.8.2
4.	Provide an objective summary of the text.	RI.8.2
5.	Analyze how a text makes connections among and distinctions between individuals .	RI.8.3
6.	Analyze how a text makes connections among and distinctions between ideas .	RI.8.3
7.	Analyze how a text makes connections among and distinctions between individuals, ideas, or events .	RI.8.3
8.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a 8th grade text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings.	RI.8.4
9.	Analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other 8th grade texts .	RI.8.4
10.	Analyze in detail the structure of a specific paragraph in a text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept .	RI.8.5
11.	Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author	RI.8.6

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	acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints.	
12.	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.	RI.8.9
13.	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 interpretation.	RI.8.9
14.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection of relevant content.	W.8.2
15.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.	W.8.2b.
16.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.	W.8.2c.
17.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through organization of relevant content; introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, into broader categories.	W.8.2a.
18.	Include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension; provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.	W.8.2a.f.
19.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the analysis of relevant content;	W.8.2
20.	Establish and maintain a formal style when writing.	W.8.2e.
21.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic when writing informative/explanatory text.	W.8.2d.

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22.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	W.8.4
23.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose has been addressed.	W.8.5
24.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well audience has been addressed.	W.8.5
25.	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.	W.8.6
26.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.	W.8.9b.
27.	Write narratives routinely over extended time frames (time for reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.	W.8.10
28.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.	SL.8.1
29.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.	SL.8.1a.
30.	When participating in collaborative discussions, follow rules for collegial discussions and decision making , track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define	SL.8.1b.

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	individual roles as needed.	
31.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.	SL.8.1c.
32.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.	SL.8.1d.
33.	Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and	SL.8.2
34.	Evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commercial, political) behind a presentation.	SL.8.2
35.	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts using verbs in the active and passive voice and in the conditional and subjunctive mood to achieve particular effects (e.g., emphasizing the actor or the action, expressing uncertainty or describing a state contrary to fact).	SL.8.6; L.8.3
36.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.	L.8.1a.
37.	Form and use verbs in the active voice when speaking and writing.	L.8.1b.
38.	Form and use verbs in the passive voice.	L.8.1b.
39.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.	L.8.2a.
40.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English using capitalization, when writing.	L.8.2a.
41.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English to spell correctly.	L.8.2b.
42.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.	L.8.4a.
43.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph, a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	L.8.4a.

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44.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.	L.8.4b.
45.	Use common grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).	L.8.4b.
46.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies; Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech; verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).	L.8.4c.d.
47.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.	L.8.6

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Code #	Common Core State Standards
RI.8.1	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
RI.8.2	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas ; provide an objective summary of the text.
RI.8.3	Analyze how a text makes connections among and distinctions between individuals, ideas, or events .
RI.8.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts .
RI.8.5	Analyze in detail the structure of a specific paragraph in a text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept .
RI.8.6	Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints .
RI.8.9	Analyze a case in which two or more texts provide conflicting information on the same topic and identify where the texts disagree on matters of fact or interpretation .
W.8.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension. b. Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or

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	<p>other information and examples.</p> <p>c. Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.</p> <p>d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.</p> <p>e. Establish and maintain a formal style.</p> <p>f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.</p>
W.8.4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
W.8.5	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
W.8.6	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
W.8.9b.	<p>Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.</p> <p>b. Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence irrelevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced”).</p>
W.8.10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
SL.8.1	<p>Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.</p> <p>a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on</p>

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	<p>that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.</p> <p>b. Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.</p> <p>c. Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.</p> <p>d. Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.</p>
SL.8.2	Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commercial, political) behind its presentation.
SL.8.6	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.
L.8.1	<p>Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.</p> <p>a. Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.</p> <p>b. Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.</p> <p>c. Form and use verbs in the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive mood.</p> <p>d. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.</p>
L.8.2	<p>Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.</p> <p>a. Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Use an ellipsis to indicate an omission. c. Spell correctly.
L.8.3	<p>Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Use verbs in the active and passive voice and in the conditional and subjunctive mood to achieve particular effects (e.g., emphasizing the actor or the action, expressing uncertainty or describing a state contrary to fact).
L.8.4	<p>Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase. b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede). c. Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech. d. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
L.8.6	<p>Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.</p>