

TNREADY 8TH GRADE ELA BLUEPRINT

	PART 1		PART 2		Total # of items	Total # of Score pts.	% of test
	# of items	# of Score Points	# of items	# of Score Points			
WRITING						21	32-36%
*Focus and Organization	1 Operational 1 Field Test item	4	0	0	1	4	6-7%
*Development		4	0	0	1	4	6-7%
*Language and Style		4	0	0	1	4	6-7%
*Conventions		4	5	5	5	9	14-15%
READING						37-43	64-67%
*Reading Literature		0	14-15	16-18	14-15	16-18	26-28%
*Reading Informational		0	15-18	18-20	15-18	18-20	29-31%
*Vocabulary		0	3-5	3-6	3-5	3-6	5-10%

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LITERATURE	KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS	RL.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.	✓	✓	✓	✓
			Date taught	Date taught	Date taught	Date taught
		RL.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.	✓	✓	✓	✓
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LITERATURE		RL.3 Analyze how particular lines or dialogue or incidents in a story or drama propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision.	✓	✓	✓	✓
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	CRAFT AND STRUCTURE	RL.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.	✓	✓	✓	✓
			Date taught	Date taught	Date taught	Date taught
		RL.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.		✓	✓	✓
				Date taught	Date taught	Date taught
		RL.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.		✓	✓	✓
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LITERATURE	INTEGRATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS	RL.7 Analyze the extent to which a filmed or live production of a story or drama stays faithful to or departs from the text or script, evaluating the choices made by the director or actors.		✓		
		RL.9 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	RL.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.				✓
INFORMATIONAL TEXT	KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS	RI.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.	✓	✓	✓	✓
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INFORMATIONAL TEXT	KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS	RI.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.	✓	✓	✓	✓
			Date taught	Date taught	Date taught	Date taught
		RI.3 Analyze how a text makes connections among and distinctions between individuals, ideas, or events (e.g., through comparisons, analogies, or categories).	✓	✓	✓	✓
			Date taught	Date taught	Date taught	Date taught
	CRAFT AND STRUCTURE	RI.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.	✓	✓	✓	✓
			Date taught	Date taught	Date taught	Date taught
		RI.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.		✓	✓	✓
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INFORMATIONAL TEXT	CRAFT AND STRUCTURE	RI.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.	✓	✓	✓	✓
			Date taught	Date taught	Date taught	Date taught
	INTEGRATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS	RI.7 Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using different mediums (e.g., print or digital text, video, multimedia) to present a particular topic or text.		✓	✓	✓
			Date taught	Date taught	Date taught	Date taught
		RI.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.		✓	✓	✓
			Date taught	Date taught	Date taught	Date taught
		RI.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.		✓	✓	✓
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INFORMATIONAL TEXT	RANGE OF READING AND LEVEL OF TEXT COMPLEXITY	RI.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.				✓
						Date taught
WRITING	TEXT TYPES AND PURPOSES	<p>W.1 Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.</p> <p>a. Introduce claim(s), acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically. b. Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text. c. Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence. d. Establish and maintain a formal style. e. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.</p>	✓	✓	✓	
			a)Date taught	a)Date taught	a)Date taught	
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			d)Date taught	d)Date taught	d)Date taught	
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		<p>W.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.</p> <p>a. Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓
			a)Date taught	a)Date taught	a)Date taught	a)Date taught
			b)Date taught	b)Date taught	b)Date taught	b)Date taught

		<p>formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.</p> <p>b. Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or 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>	c)Date taught	c)Date taught	c)Date taught	c)Date taught
			d)Date taught	d)Date taught	d)Date taught	d)Date taught
			e)Date taught	e)Date taught	e)Date taught	e)Date taught
			f)Date taught	f)Date taught	f)Date taught	f)Date taught
	<p>TEXT TYPES AND PURPOSES</p>	<p>W.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structures event sequences.</p> <p>a. Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.</p> <p>b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.</p> <p>c. Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.</p> <p>d. Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.</p> <p>e. Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.</p>		✓	✓	
				a)Date taught	a)Date taught	
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				e)Date taught	e)Date taught	

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WRITING	PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF WRITING	W.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)	✓	✓	✓	✓
			Date taught	Date taught	Date taught	Date taught
		W.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. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8 on page 53.)	✓	✓	✓	✓
			Date taught	Date taught	Date taught	Date taught
		W.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.	✓	✓	✓	✓
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WRITING	RESEARCH TO BUILD AND PRESENT KNOWLEDGE	W.7 Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.	✓	✓	✓
			Date taught	Date taught	Date taught
		W.8 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.	✓	✓	✓
			Date taught	Date taught	Date taught
		W.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. a. Apply <i>grade 8 Reading standards</i> to literature (e.g., “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”).	✓	✓	✓
			a)Date taught	a)Date taught	a)Date taught

		b. Apply <i>grade 8 Reading standards</i> 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 is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced").	b)Date taught	b)Date taught	b)Date taught	b)Date taught
WRITING	RANGE OF WRITING	W.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.	✓	✓	✓	✓
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SPEAKING AND LISTENING	COMPREHENSION AND COLLABORATION	<p>SL.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on <i>grade 8 topics, texts, and issues</i>, 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 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>	✓	✓	✓	✓
			a)Date taught	a)Date taught	a)Date taught	a)Date taught
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			c)Date taught	c)Date taught	c)Date taught	c)Date taught
			d)Date taught	d)Date taught	d)Date taught	d)Date taught
		SL.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.		✓	✓	✓
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SPEAKING AND LISTENING	COMPREHENSION AND COLLABORATION	SL.3 Delineate a speaker’s argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence and identifying when irrelevant evidence is introduced.	✓	✓	✓
			Date taught	Date taught	Date Taught
	PRESENTATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS	SL.4 Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.	✓	✓	✓
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SPEAKING AND LISTENING	PRESENTATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS	SL.5 Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.	✓	✓	✓	✓
			Date taught	Date taught	Date taught	Date taught
		SL.6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 8 Language standards 1 and 3 on page 53 for specific expectations.)	✓	✓	✓	✓
			Date taught	Date taught	Date taught	Date taught

LANGUAGE	CONVENTIONS OF STANDARD ENGLISH	<p>L.1 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 specific 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>		✓	✓	✓
					a)Date taught	a)Date taught
			b)Date taught		b)Date taught	b)Date taught
					c)Date taught	c)Date taught
			d)Date taught		d)Date taught	d)Date taught
		<p>L.2 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> <p>b. Use an ellipsis to indicate an omission.</p> <p>c. Spell correctly.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓
			a)Date taught	a)Date taught	a)Date taught	a)Date taught
					b)Date taught	b)Date taught
			c)Date taught	c)Date taught	c)Date taught	c)Date taught

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LANGUAGE	KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGE	<p>L.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.</p> <p>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).</p>			✓	✓
				Date taught	Date taught	
	VOCABULARY ACQUISITION AND USE	<p>L.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based <i>on grade 8 reading and content</i>, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., <i>precede, recede, secede</i>).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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).</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓
			a)Date taught	a)Date taught	a)Date taught	a)Date taught
			b)Date taught	b)Date taught	b)Date taught	b)Date taught
			c)Date taught	c)Date taught	c)Date taught	c)Date taught
			d)Date taught	d)Date taught	d)Date taught	d)Date taught

LANGUAGE	VOCABULARY ACQUISITION AND USE	<p>L.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.</p> <p>a. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., verbal irony, puns) in context. b. Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words. c. Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., <i>bullheaded, willful, firm, persistent, resolute</i>).</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓
			a)Date taught	a)Date taught	a)Date taught	a)Date taught
			b)Date taught	b)Date taught	b)Date taught	b)Date taught
			c)Date taught	c)Date taught	c)Date taught	c)Date taught
*This skill is likely to require continued attention in higher grades as it is applied to increasingly sophisticated writing and speaking.		L.6 Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.	✓	✓	✓	✓
			Date taught	Date taught	Date taught	Date taught