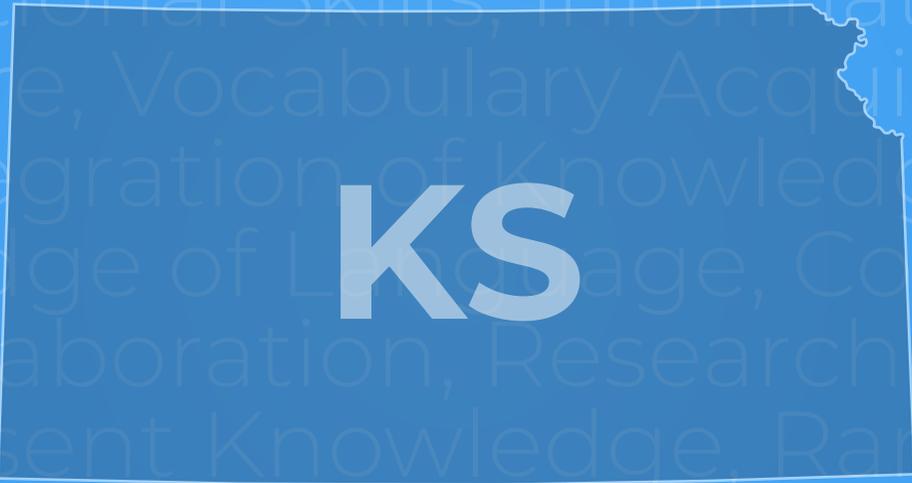


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Grade 1 - Reading: Foundational

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Fluency				
RF.1.4.c	Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. - Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.	Standard met	What does the word "greedy" mean in this part of the selection?	Describe how the knowledge of another language can help you understand a new word or phrase you read in English.

Grade 1 - Reading: Informational

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Key Ideas and Details				
RI.1.1	Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.	Standard met	When did Rochelle first play chess?	Explain when and where a selection takes place. What clues help you determine that information?
RI.1.2	Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text.	Standard met	This selection is mainly about	Use a story map to show the main idea and its supporting details in a selection.
RI.1.3	Describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text.	Standard met	This selection says exercise does something to your brain. What is it?	Create a “chain of events” diagram for a selection.
Language in Reading: Informational				
RI.1.12.a	With guidance and support from adults, demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings. - Sort words into categories to gain a sense of the concepts the categories represent.	Standard met	From what you have read, which animals look for food at night?	What makes a character a hero or a villain? List the names of characters who are heroes or villains and explain why they belong to that group. The characters can be from fiction or non-fiction texts.
RI.1.12.b	With guidance and support from adults, demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings. - Define words by category and by one or more key attributes.	Standard met	From what you have read, which animals look for food at night?	What makes a character a hero or a villain? List the names of characters who are heroes or villains and explain why they belong to that group. The characters can be from fiction or non-fiction texts.
RI.1.12.c	With guidance and support from adults, demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings. - Identify real-life connections between words and their uses.	Standard met	The tone of a selection is the author’s attitude toward the topic. Which word best describes the tone of this selection?	Describe how you felt when you read a selection. Were you happy, sad, or did you feel something else? Explain why the selection made you feel this way.
Craft and Structure				
RI.1.4	Ask and answer questions to help determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases in a text.	Standard met	Based on what you read in the selection, a “green roof” is a roof that	Describe how the knowledge of another language can help you understand a new word or phrase you read in English.
RI.1.6	Distinguish between information provided by illustrations or other graphics and information provided by the words in a text.	Standard met	The author of this selection believes people	Choose an image from an non-fiction selection you have read. Create a list of all the information visible in the image that supports the facts presented in the selection.

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas				
RI.1.7	Use the illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas.	Standard met	When did Rochelle first play chess?	Explain when and where a selection takes place. What clues help you determine that information?
RI.1.8	Identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text.	Standard met	This selection says handball is a good sport to play in a city. Which of the following sentences explains why this is true?	How is the life of a character in a selection similar to (or different from) your own life?

Grade 1 - Reading: Literature

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Key Ideas and Details				
RL.1.1	Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.	Standard met	Where does this selection take place?	Explain when and where a selection takes place. What clues help you determine that information?
RL.1.2	Retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson.	Standard met	This selection is mainly about a	Use a story map to show the main idea and its supporting details in a selection.
RL.1.3	Describe characters, settings, and major events in a story, using key details.	Standard met	Where does this selection take place?	Explain when and where a selection takes place. What clues help you determine that information?
Language in Reading: Literature				
RL.1.11.a	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown words and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on Grade 1 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a variety of strategies. - Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word.	Standard met	What does the word "greedy" mean in this part of the selection?	Describe how the knowledge of another language can help you understand a new word or phrase you read in English.
Craft and Structure				
RL.1.5	Explain major differences between books that tell stories and books that give information, drawing on a wide reading of a range of text types.	Standard met	This selection is mainly	How do you know if a text is fiction or non-fiction? Provide examples from texts you have read to support your ideas.
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas				
RL.1.7	Use illustrations and details in a story to describe its characters, setting, or events.	Standard met	Where does this selection take place?	Explain when and where a selection takes place. What clues help you determine that information?
RL.1.9	Compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in stories.	Standard met	Read these two parts from the selection. Based on these parts, which statement is correct?	How is the life of a character in a selection similar to (or different from) your own life?

Grade 2 - Reading: Foundational

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Fluency				
RF.2.4.c	Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. - Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.	Standard met	Read this part from the selection. The word “produce” means	Choose a selection that included some unfamiliar vocabulary. Replace the unfamiliar words with synonyms that are easier to understand yet still convey the same meaning.

Grade 2 - Reading: Informational

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Key Ideas and Details				
RI.2.1	Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.	Standard met	Louis Leakey was most impressed with Goodall's	Describe parts of a selection that held important clues to help you understand what was happening.
RI.2.2	Identify the main topic of a multi-paragraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text.	Standard partially met	This selection is mainly about	Use a story map to show the main idea and its supporting details in a selection.
RI.2.3	Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text.	Standard met	Native Americans did not climb to the top of Mount Rainier because	Explain why you agree or disagree with the behavior of a character.
Language in Reading: Informational				
RI.2.11.a	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on Grade 2 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a variety of strategies. - Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Standard met	Read this part from the selection. What does the word "tough" mean here?	Choose a selection you read that included some unfamiliar vocabulary. Describe how you used context clues to figure out what the words meant.
Craft and Structure				
RI.2.6	Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe.	Standard met	What is the most likely reason the author ends the selection this way?	Think about a character in one of the selections you read. Write a short speech that tells about only the good things about the character. Then write a second short speech that tells only the bad things about the character.
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas				
RI.2.7	Explain how specific images (e.g., a diagram showing how a machine works) contribute to and clarify a text.	Standard met	Look at this image. Based on what you read, this tiger is most likely	Can an image help you understand a selection's main idea or theme? Choose two selections you read and explain how the image did or did not help you understand the selection.
RI.2.8	Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text.	Standard met	According to this selection, which of the following is true about plants?	Describe at least five ways you can tell if a selection is true or not true. Use examples from selections you have read to support your statements.

Grade 2 - Reading: Literature

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Key Ideas and Details				
RL.2.1	Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.	Standard met	Which character in the selection said, "If you want to see a sleeping dragon, there is only one thing you can do"?	Who is the main character in the selection and why is this character so important?
RL.2.2	Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral.	Standard met	The selection says Arion was good at doing two things. What are they?	What lesson (or lessons) did you learn from the selection?
RL.2.3	Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.	Standard met	In this selection, which character is the wisest?	List two characters from a selection and explain why one of those characters is more important to the plot than the other character.
Language in Reading: Literature				
RL.2.11.a	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on Grade 2 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a variety of strategies. - Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Standard met	Read this part from the selection. The word "produce" means	Choose a selection that included some unfamiliar vocabulary. Replace the unfamiliar words with synonyms that are easier to understand yet still convey the same meaning.
Craft and Structure				
RL.2.4	Describe how words and phrases (e.g., regular beats, alliteration, rhymes, repeated lines) supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song.	Standard met	The legend of the three sisters describes one of the sisters as having a "green dress and golden hair." What is this phrase describing?	Authors often use words in the same way artists use paints to create a picture. Describe how an author used words in this way in a selection you read.
RL.2.5	Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action.	Standard met	Based on this excerpt, the color gray is repeated to give the idea that Aunt Em and Uncle Henry are	Why would an author choose to tell a story that does not follow chronological order? Use an example from a fictional story you have read to support your argument.
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas				
RL.2.7	Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot.	Standard met	In this selection, which character is the wisest?	List two characters from a selection and explain why one of those characters is more important to the plot than the other character.

Grade 3 - Reading: Foundational

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Fluency				
RF.3.4.c	Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. - Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.	Standard met	The meeting between Betsy and General Washington happened "by chance." This means it was	Write one paragraph that describes the main information about a selection you read.

Grade 3 - Reading: Informational

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Key Ideas and Details				
RI.3.1	Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.	Standard met	Based on what you read in this selection, which two of the following statements are correct?	Write three “why” questions about a selection and provide evidence from the text on how those questions should be answered.
RI.3.2	Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.	Standard met	What is another good title for this selection?	Describe three clues in a selection that helped you determine the main idea of the selection.
RI.3.3	Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/ effect.	Standard met	Which statement best describes the time when Ray was born?	Describe how you felt when you read a selection. Were you happy, sad, or did you feel something else? Explain why the selection made you feel this way.
Language in Reading: Informational				
RI.3.11.a	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on Grade 3 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. - Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Standard met	Read this part of the selection. Based on how it is used, what does the word “hit” mean?	Choose a selection that included some unfamiliar vocabulary. Replace the unfamiliar words with synonyms that are easier to understand yet still convey the same meaning.
Craft and Structure				
RI.3.4	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 3 topic or subject area.	Standard met	The author of this selection compares the snow piled around a Native American dwelling in the far north to a	List five words in a selection that helped you form a picture in your mind. Do additional research to find a synonym and antonym for each word, and use the word in a sentence.
RI.3.6	Distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text.	Standard met	Read this excerpt from the selection. Which of the following include the author’s opinion?	Is the author telling you how he or she feels or thinks about a topic, or is the author stating facts? What words give you clues about what the author is doing?
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas				
RI.3.7	Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur).	Standard met	Look at this image. Based on information you learned in this selection, what kind of bike is this?	Can an image help you understand a selection’s main idea or theme? Choose two selections you read and explain how the image did or did not help you understand the selection.
RI.3.8	Describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text (e.g., comparison, cause/effect, first/ second/third in a sequence).	Standard met	Based on this selection, in which two of the following ways are Kelvin Doe and David Sengh alike?	How is the life of a character in a selection similar to (or different from) your own life?

Grade 3 - Reading: Literature

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Key Ideas and Details				
RL.3.1	Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.	Standard met	To build a successful incubator, you need a	What makes a character a hero or a villain? List the names of characters who are heroes or villains and explain why they belong to that group. The characters can be from fiction or non-fiction texts.
RL.3.2	Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text.	Standard met	This selection is mainly about a	Describe three clues in a selection that helped you determine the main idea of the selection.
RL.3.3	Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.	Standard met	Which is true about the six blind men?	Describe at least five ways you can tell if a selection is true or not true. Use examples from selections you have read to support your statements.
Language in Reading: Literature				
RL.3.11.a	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on Grade 3 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. - Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Standard met	The meeting between Betsy and General Washington happened "by chance." This means it was	Write one paragraph that describes the main information about a selection you read.
Craft and Structure				
RL.3.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, distinguishing literal from nonliteral language.	Standard met	The meeting between Betsy and General Washington happened "by chance." This means it was	Write one paragraph that describes the main information about a selection you read.
RL.3.5	Refer to parts of stories, dramas, and poems when writing or speaking about a text, using terms such as chapter, scene, and stanza; describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections.	Standard met	Which statement best describes the narrator of this selection?	Describe a selection's beginning, middle, and end.
RL.3.6	Distinguish their own point of view from that of the narrator or those of the characters.	Standard met	Which two statements about the boy are correct?	Explain why you agree or disagree with the behavior of a character.

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

RL.3.7	Explain how specific aspects of a text's illustrations contribute to what is conveyed by the words in a story (e.g., create mood, emphasize aspects of a character or setting).	Standard met	In this excerpt, Jake's mom says his dad will "be surprised, alright." What does she mean?	Give examples of selections you have read that create a mood through the setting, feelings of characters, and choice of words.
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Grade 4 - Reading: Informational

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Key Ideas and Details				
RI.4.1	Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.	Standard met	According to the selection, which two of the following statements are correct?	Write a speech for a character in a selection you read in which the character describes his or her life, home, and the things he or she likes to do.
RI.4.2	Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.	Standard met	Sam’s parents decided to leave their village. What is the main reason they left?	Did the title of this selection provide you with clues about the selection’s main idea? Why or why not?
RI.4.3	Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.	Standard met	According to the selection, which two of the following statements are correct?	Write a speech for a character in a selection you read in which the character describes his or her life, home, and the things he or she likes to do.
Language in Reading: Informational				
RI.4.11.a	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on Grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. - Use context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Standard met	Read this excerpt from the selection. Which of the following best described the meaning of the word “apt”?	Choose a selection that included some unfamiliar vocabulary. Replace the unfamiliar words with synonyms that are easier to understand yet still convey the same meaning.
RI.4.12.c	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. - Demonstrate understanding of words by relating them to their opposites (antonyms) and to words with similar but not identical meanings (synonyms).	Standard met	Read this excerpt from the selection. Which of the following best described the meaning of the word “apt”?	Choose a selection that included some unfamiliar vocabulary. Replace the unfamiliar words with synonyms that are easier to understand yet still convey the same meaning.
Craft and Structure				
RI.4.4	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words or phrases in a text relevant to a grade 4 topic or subject area.	Standard met	Read this excerpt from the selection. Which of the following best described the meaning of the word “apt”?	Choose a selection that included some unfamiliar vocabulary. Replace the unfamiliar words with synonyms that are easier to understand yet still convey the same meaning.
RI.4.5	Describe the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text or part of a text.	Standard met	What is the relationship between the two sentences in this excerpt?	Explain an author’s use of description in a selection, and how the description shaped the way you viewed and understood the person, object, or event described.

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas				
RI.4.7	Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively (e.g., in charts, graphs, diagrams, time lines, animations, or interactive elements on Web pages) and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears.	Standard met	Look at this image. Based on what you read in the selection, why is this a risk to humans?	Choose an image from an non-fiction selection you have read. Create a list of all the information visible in the image that supports the facts presented in the selection.

Grade 4 - Reading: Literature

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Key Ideas and Details				
RL.4.1	Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.	Standard met	According to the selection, what two things does Midas love more than anything else?	Write a speech for a character in a selection you read in which the character describes his or her life, home, and the things he or she likes to do.
RL.4.2	Determine the theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.	Standard met	This selection is mainly about	Write an email to a friend and describe a selection you read.
RL.4.3	Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character’s thoughts, words, or actions).	Standard met	Read this excerpt. Which two of the following characteristics best describe the crow that participated in this experiment?	Explain why you agree or disagree with the behavior of a character.
Language in Reading: Literature				
RL.4.11.a	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on Grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. - Use context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Standard met	Read this excerpt from the selection. What does the phrase “mastering the elements” mean?	Choose a selection that included some unfamiliar vocabulary. Replace the unfamiliar words with synonyms that are easier to understand yet still convey the same meaning.
RL.4.12.c	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. - Demonstrate understanding of words by relating them to their opposites (antonyms) and to words with similar but not identical meanings (synonyms).	Standard met	Read this excerpt from the selection. What does the phrase “mastering the elements” mean?	Choose a selection that included some unfamiliar vocabulary. Replace the unfamiliar words with synonyms that are easier to understand yet still convey the same meaning.
Craft and Structure				
RL.4.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology (e.g., Herculean).	Standard partially met	Read this excerpt from the selection. What does the phrase “mastering the elements” mean?	Choose a selection that included some unfamiliar vocabulary. Replace the unfamiliar words with synonyms that are easier to understand yet still convey the same meaning.

Grade 5 - Reading: Foundational

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Fluency				
RF.5.4.c	Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. - Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.	Standard met	Reread this excerpt. What does the word "talisman" mean?	Choose a selection you have read. Who is telling the story? What clues helped you identify who is speaking?

Grade 5 - Reading: Informational

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Key Ideas and Details				
RI.5.1	Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.	Standard met	The Richter Scale measures	Create a diagram that lists the following information about a selection: Who, What, Where, When, Why, How.
RI.5.2	Determine two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details; summarize the text.	Standard met	This selection is mainly about Ray Bradbury and his	Describe parts of a selection that held important clues to help you understand what was happening.
RI.5.3	Explain the relationships or interactions between two or more individuals, events, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text based on specific information in the text.	Standard met	According to the selection, if the silver ant takes longer than ten minutes to search for food, it will	Use a selection you have read to finish this statement: "If only (a character) had done (this action) instead of (this action), then (make a prediction about what might have happened)." Use details from the selection to explain and support your prediction.
Language in Reading: Informational				
RI.5.11.a	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on Grade 5 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. - Use context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Standard met	In this excerpt, what does the phrase "the toast of all of Europe" mean?	Choose a selection that included some unfamiliar vocabulary. Replace the unfamiliar words with synonyms that are easier to understand yet still convey the same meaning.
RI.5.12.c	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. - Use the relationships between particular words (e.g., synonyms) to better understand each of the words.	Standard met	In this excerpt, what does the phrase "the toast of all of Europe" mean?	Choose a selection that included some unfamiliar vocabulary. Replace the unfamiliar words with synonyms that are easier to understand yet still convey the same meaning.
Craft and Structure				
RI.5.4	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 5 topic or subject area.	Standard met	In this excerpt, what does the phrase "the toast of all of Europe" mean?	Choose a selection that included some unfamiliar vocabulary. Replace the unfamiliar words with synonyms that are easier to understand yet still convey the same meaning.

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas				
RI.5.8	Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text, identifying which reasons and evidence support which point(s).	Standard met	This excerpt explains that some scientists think the Great Sphinx at Giza is older than both Kings Khufu and Khafre. Choose the sentence that gives evidence to support this.	Describe at least five ways you can tell if a selection is true or not true. Use examples from selections you have read to support your statements.
RI.5.9	Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably.	Standard met	Three of the following describe reasons why people chose to travel to the West. Which one of the following was NOT a reason?	After reading a non-fiction selection, group facts from the selection under appropriate headings.

Grade 5 - Reading: Literature

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Key Ideas and Details				
RL.5.1	Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.	Standard met	What does the name “Valhalla” mean?	Imagine you are a character in a selection you read. What are some things you might say as that character?
RL.5.2	Determine the theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text.	Standard met	Why were the gods doubtful about agreeing to the stranger’s price to build the fortress?	Write a new, different ending for a selection that changes the lesson (or theme) of the selection.
RL.5.3	Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact).	Standard met	Read these two excerpts from the selection. In what way are Nick and the man in the coffee shop alike?	How is the life of a character in a selection similar to (or different from) your own life?
Language in Reading: Literature				
RL.5.11.a	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on Grade 5 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. - Use context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Standard met	Read this excerpt. The man at the ship’s wheel said, “Dead men tell no tales.” What does this mean?	Find examples in five selections of words that describe things you can hear, see, or touch.
RL.5.12.a	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. - Interpret figurative language, including similes and metaphors, in context.	Standard met	Read this excerpt. The man at the ship’s wheel said, “Dead men tell no tales.” What does this mean?	Find examples in five selections of words that describe things you can hear, see, or touch.
Craft and Structure				
RL.5.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative language such as metaphors and similes.	Standard met	Read this excerpt. The man at the ship’s wheel said, “Dead men tell no tales.” What does this mean?	Find examples in five selections of words that describe things you can hear, see, or touch.
RL.5.5	Explain how a series of chapters, scenes, or stanzas fits together to provide the overall structure of a particular story, drama, or poem.	Standard met	How does the author use conversation in this part of the selection?	Why would an author choose to tell a story that does not follow chronological order? Use an example from a fictional story you have read to support your argument.

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Integration of Knowledge and Ideas				
RL.5.7	Analyze how visual and multimedia elements contribute to the meaning, tone, or beauty of a text (e.g., graphic novel, multimedia presentation of fiction, folktale, myth, poem).	Standard met	What does the animal shown in this picture have to do with the selection?	In what ways can maps help you to better understand the main idea and supporting details of a selection?

Grade 6 - Reading: Informational

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Key Ideas and Details				
RI.6.1	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	Standard met	Read this excerpt from the selection. This example of a shoe fad shows that	Explain how prior knowledge helped you infer information from a selection.
RI.6.2	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.	Standard met	Put the following in the order in which they came to Honduras, starting with the earliest.	Write summary paragraphs for a prequel and sequel to a selection.
RI.6.3	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).	Standard met	This selection is mainly about astronomers and	Using the Internet or other research tools, find three additional pieces of information that support the main idea stated in the selection.
Language in Reading: Informational				
RI.6.11.a	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on Grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. - Use context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Standard met	In this excerpt, what does the author mean by, "The sky is not the limit for thousands of people who go to space camp"?	Describe how the knowledge of another language can help you understand a new word or phrase you read in English.
RI.6.11.d	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on Grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. - 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).	Standard met	In this excerpt, what does the author mean by, "The sky is not the limit for thousands of people who go to space camp"?	Describe how the knowledge of another language can help you understand a new word or phrase you read in English.
RI.6.12.a	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. - Interpret figures of speech in context.	Standard met	In this excerpt, what does the author mean by, "The sky is not the limit for thousands of people who go to space camp"?	Describe how the knowledge of another language can help you understand a new word or phrase you read in English.
Craft and Structure				
RI.6.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings.	Standard met	In this excerpt, what does the author mean by, "The sky is not the limit for thousands of people who go to space camp"?	Describe how the knowledge of another language can help you understand a new word or phrase you read in English.
RI.6.6	Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text.	Standard met	At the end of the selection, what does the author feel is a practical reaction to a strong kudzu invasion?	Write a newspaper editorial or blog post to support an opinion expressed in a selection you read.

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas				
RI.6.7	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.	Standard met	What does this image have to do with the selection?	Can an image help you understand a selection's main idea or theme? Choose two selections you have read and explain how the image did or did not help you understand the selection.

Grade 6 - Reading: Literature

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Key Ideas and Details				
RL.6.1	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	Standard met	From what you have read, you can tell that Della and Jim lived in	Describe how you arrived at conclusions about a selection’s main idea and characters if information about these text elements was not directly stated.
RL.6.2	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.	Standard met	Which two major contributions did Mr. Lowe make to the war effort?	Create a new graphic organizer that indicates a selection’s main idea, characters, and supporting details, and how these three areas intersect.
RL.6.3	Describe how a particular story’s or drama’s plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.	Standard met	Why is Dr. Jacobs skeptical that the dying dog is Jeff?	Give an example of how recognizing cause and effect helped you better understand the plot development of a selection.
Language in Reading: Literature				
RL.6.10	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when reading to improve comprehension.	Standard met	The genre of this selection could be described as	Choose a narrative text. Describe how the author uses language and dialogue to relay information about characters and events.
RL.6.11.a	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on Grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. - Use context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Standard met	According to this part in the selection, what is a “landing card”?	Imagine you are an attorney. Prepare a summation of a selection you have read to present to a jury for deliberation.
Craft and Structure				
RL.6.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.	Standard met	According to this part in the selection, what is a “landing card”?	Imagine you are an attorney. Prepare a summation of a selection you have read to present to a jury for deliberation.
RL.6.5	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.	Standard met	The narrator of this selection is a	Explain why an author chose to organize a selection’s plot in an unconventional way. What benefits or disadvantages resulted from the action being presented in this way?

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			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas				
RL.6.9	Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems; historical novels and fantasy stories) in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics.	Standard met	This selection is mainly about the Civil War and	Describe how the same theme is represented in two different selections. Compare/contrast how the theme is represented through characters and events in both selections.

Grade 6 - Writing

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Research to Build and Present Knowledge				
W.6.8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.	Standard met	Put the following jobs Sendak held before he became a famous author in order from first to last.	Create a timeline of the sequence of events in a selection. Use the Internet or other research tools to find other historical events that occurred during the same timeframe and incorporate the dates on your timeline.

Grade 7 - Reading: Informational

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Key Ideas and Details				
RI.7.1	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	Standard met	How can the sense of taste protect people from harm?	Explain how prior knowledge helped you infer information from a selection.
RI.7.2	Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.	Standard met	What were the two most significant contributions of the Tuskegee Airmen?	Create a website for a non-fiction selection you read. Include the main idea and supporting details. Include images that would help viewers of your website better understand the topic.
RI.7.3	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).	Standard met	The Ice Palace mentioned in this selection does not allow visitors because	Describe the cause and effect relationship in a selection you read.
Language in Reading: Informational				
RI.7.11.a	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on Grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. - Use context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Standard met	In this excerpt, what is the meaning of the word "cropping"?	Choose a selection that included some unfamiliar vocabulary. Replace the unfamiliar words with synonyms that are easier to understand yet still convey the same meaning.
Craft and Structure				
RI.7.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.	Standard met	In this excerpt, what is the meaning of the word "cropping"?	Choose a selection that included some unfamiliar vocabulary. Replace the unfamiliar words with synonyms that are easier to understand yet still convey the same meaning.
RI.7.5	Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to the development of the ideas.	Standard met	How does this maxim by Confucius in the opening paragraph relate to the rest of the selection?	Describe an author's use of sensory details in a selection that you have read. Explain how the author shared information through descriptions that use sight, sound, taste, smell, or touch.
RI.7.6	Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author distinguishes his or her position from that of others.	Standard met	Why does the author include these quotes by Thomas Mayfield?	How effective were the words and writing style used by the author of a selection? Explain why.

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			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas				
RI.7.8	Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims.	Standard met	Based on this excerpt, what does the author do to present an unbiased opinion?	Write a newspaper editorial or blog post to support an opinion expressed in a selection you read.

Grade 7 - Reading: Literature

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Key Ideas and Details				
RL.7.1	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	Standard met	Based on the selection, which two factors helped the kidnapper get away with Buck undetected?	List two to four supporting characters in a selection and explain their relationship to the selection’s main protagonist.
RL.7.2	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.	Standard met	This selection is mainly about	Sometimes the main idea of a selection is not clear until you finish reading the text. Describe a selection you read that needed to be read from beginning to end before you had a full sense of the main idea.
RL.7.3	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).	Standard met	From this last paragraph, you can conclude that	Describe three things that happened in a selection and how they foreshadowed subsequent events.
Craft and Structure				
RL.7.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of rhymes and other repetitions of sounds (e.g., alliteration) on a specific verse or stanza of a poem or section of a story or drama.	Standard met	In this excerpt, when Mr. Matas uses the phrase “withered plants,” he is really talking about the	Write short paragraphs that demonstrate use of simile, metaphor, idiom, and hyperbole.
RL.7.6	Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text. Analyze how an author develops and contrasts the points of view of different characters or narrators in a text.	Standard met	How does the author convince the reader that the steel workers’ demands were reasonable?	Retell a selection you have read using your own voice and perspective.

Grade 8 - Reading: Informational

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Key Ideas and Details				
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.	Standard met	Based on this excerpt, which two factors laid the foundation for Franklin’s work ethic?	Create a website for a non-fiction selection you read. Include the main idea and supporting details. Include images that would help viewers of your website better understand the topic.
RI.8.3	Analyze how a text makes connections among and distinctions between individuals, ideas, or events (e.g., through comparisons, analogies, or categories).	Standard met	Esperanza and Cisneros are alike in that they both	Describe a character with whom you empathize, and explain why you feel this way.
Language in Reading: Informational				
RI.8.11.a	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on Grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. - Use context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Standard met	In this excerpt, what does the author mean by the phrase “polite company”?	Describe three or more words that you learned recently by reading Non-fiction texts about a certain topic. Explain why knowing these words has helped you better understand the topic.
RI.8.12.a	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. - Interpret figures of speech in context.	Standard met	In this excerpt, what does the author mean by the phrase “polite company”?	Describe three or more words that you learned recently by reading Non-fiction texts about a certain topic. Explain why knowing these words has helped you better understand the topic.
Craft and Structure				
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.	Standard met	If you were watching a Clay boxing match, you most likely would see Clay	Describe an example of a particularly vivid scene from a selection. Explain what technique the author used to create such a clear picture of the setting or event you found memorable.
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.	Standard met	Based on this excerpt, which two answers describe the relationship between these two sentences?	Explain an author’s use of description in a selection, and how the description shaped the way you viewed and understood the person, object, or event described.
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.	Standard met	The author’s purpose in writing this selection was	How does the author progress a selection to its conclusion? Provide three examples.

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Integration of Knowledge and Ideas				
RI.8.8	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.	Standard met	Choose the sentence in this excerpt that states the author’s opinion.	Use the Internet and other research tools to find evidence that refutes an idea, belief, or theme presented in a selection.

Grade 8 - Reading: Literature

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
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Key Ideas and Details

RL.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.	Standard met	Choose the sentence in this excerpt that explains why the damage to the "Scotia" made big news.	What text clues in a selection led you to conclude that a character was good or evil?
RL.8.2	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.	Standard met	This selection is mainly about dinosaurs and	(Theme: change) Describe a character who underwent a major change and what happened as a result.
RL.8.3	Analyze how particular lines of dialogue or incidents in a story or drama propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision.	Standard met	How could Steve's case of MRSA be viewed as something positive?	Describe a selection that had a cliffhanger ending and explain why you were unable to predict the ending from context clues.

Language in Reading: Literature

RL.8.11.a	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on Grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. - Use context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Standard met	In this excerpt, what does the banquet guest mean when he says, "It was food and drink to me to look, and look, and look at that idol"?	Explain how a character's actions or attitude can change the meaning of a word or phrase.
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Craft and Structure

RL.8.4	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.	Standard met	In this excerpt, what does the banquet guest mean when he says, "It was food and drink to me to look, and look, and look at that idol"?	Explain how a character's actions or attitude can change the meaning of a word or phrase.
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Grade 9 - Reading: Informational

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Key Ideas and Details				
RI.9-10.1	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	Standard met	What could have happened to El Duque if Livan had never left Cuba?	Use a selection you have read to finish this statement: "If only (a character) had done (this action) instead of (this action), then (make a prediction about what might have happened)." Use details from the selection to illustrate and support your prediction.
RI.9-10.2	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.	Standard met	The author of this selection is most likely to agree with which of the following statements?	Write a summary of a selection from a perspective that is opposite from the selection.
RI.9-10.3	Analyze how the author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the connections that are drawn between them.	Standard met	Put the following settings in order from first to last as they appear in the selection.	Create a timeline of the sequence of events in a selection. Use the Internet or other research tools to find other historical events that occurred during the same timeframe and incorporate the dates on your timeline.
Language in Reading: Informational				
RI.9-10.11.a	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9-10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. - Use context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Standard met	Which sentence helps to explain the meaning of the word "empathy"?	Explain how the context of a selection helped you to understand a word or phrase you did not know.
Craft and Structure				
RI.9-10.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone.	Standard met	Which sentence helps to explain the meaning of the word "empathy"?	Explain how the context of a selection helped you to understand a word or phrase you did not know.
RI.9-10.5	Analyze in detail how an author's ideas or claims are developed and refined by particular sentences, paragraphs, or larger portions of a text.	Standard met	Choose the sentence in this excerpt that contains the figure of speech called a simile.	Choose an informational text that presents information in a cause-and-effect or problem-and-solution manner. Describe why the organization of information did (or did not) help you understand the main idea of the selection.

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RI.9-10.6	Determine an author’s point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how an author uses rhetoric to advance that point of view or purpose.	Standard met	The author of this selection is most likely to agree with which of the following statements?	Write a summary of a selection from a perspective that is opposite from the selection.

Grade 9 - Reading: Literature

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Key Ideas and Details				
RL.9-10.1	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	Standard met	The Baroness and her guests said both the howling wolves and the falling trees were due to	Write three questions about a selection that will require additional research or fact-checking to answer them. Provide the answers to these questions.
RL.9-10.2	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development.	Standard met	This selection is mainly about	List three supporting details from a selection and explain how those details helped you determine the selection's main idea.
RL.9-10.3	Analyze how complex characters develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.	Standard met	Based on this excerpt, the old stranger mentions there is a young man with him because	Describe a scene from a selection. Explain how you put together clues from that scene to figure out how and why something happened.
Craft and Structure				
RL.9-10.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone.	Standard met	Read this excerpt. Which expression would most likely appear on Captain Graffenreid's face?	Describe an example of a particularly vivid scene from a selection. Explain what technique the author used to create such a clear picture of the setting or event you found memorable.
RL.9-10.5	Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure a text, order events within it, and manipulate time create such effects as mystery, tension, or surprise.	Standard met	What significance does this item have in the selection?	Describe how images used in a text added to the mood or overall understanding of the text. Use images and details from a selection you have read to illustrate and explain your answer.

Grade 10 - Reading: Informational

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Key Ideas and Details				
RI.9-10.1	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	Standard met	Based on this excerpt, British Intelligence identified France, Greece, and Italy as possible European invasion points because	Write a question about one additional fact you would have liked to learn from a selection you read. Answer the question by using the Internet or other research tools to find the necessary information.
RI.9-10.2	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.	Standard met	What does this excerpt tell you about cryptanalysis?	Imagine you are an attorney. Prepare a summation of a selection you have read to present to a jury for deliberation.
Craft and Structure				
RI.9-10.5	Analyze in detail how an author's ideas or claims are developed and refined by particular sentences, paragraphs, or larger portions of a text.	Standard met	If this excerpt on DePrince became part of an autobiography, how would it be different?	Choose an expository piece, such as a speech or an essay. Describe how the author uses language to relay information, or make (or respond) to an argument.
RI.9-10.6	Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how an author uses rhetoric to advance that point of view or purpose.	Standard met	In this excerpt, the author includes the quote from Carroll's "High-Tech Trash" article most likely to	Describe how the author of an argument tries to prove that he or she is right.
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas				
RI.9-10.8	Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is valid and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; identify false statements and fallacious reasoning.	Standard met	In this excerpt, the author includes the quote from Carroll's "High-Tech Trash" article most likely to	Describe how the author of an argument tries to prove that he or she is right.

Grade 10 - Reading: Literature

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Key Ideas and Details				
RL.9-10.1	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	Standard met	What happens to Hauchecorne at the end of this selection?	Describe how you arrived at conclusions about a selection’s main idea and characters if information about these text elements was not directly stated.
RL.9-10.2	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development.	Standard met	What is the main idea of this selection?	Explain how the author presents a theme in a selection through plot, characters, and setting. Describe the events that embody the theme.
RL.9-10.3	Analyze how complex characters develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.	Standard met	Based on what you have read, what could have happened if Jason had complained about being partnered with Skylar?	(Theme: relationships) Describe a character who struggled with society or family and how/if that struggle was resolved.
Language in Reading: Literature				
RL.9-10.10	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading.	Standard met	This selection can best be described as	Choose a narrative text. Describe how the author uses language and dialogue to relay information about characters and events.
RL.9-10.11.a	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9-10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. - Use context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Standard met	What do the terms “buttonholed” and “buttonholing” mean in this part of the selection?	Explain how a character’s actions or attitude can change the meaning of a word or phrase.
RL.9-10.11.d	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9-10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. - Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase.	Standard met	What do the terms “buttonholed” and “buttonholing” mean in this part of the selection?	Explain how a character’s actions or attitude can change the meaning of a word or phrase.
Craft and Structure				
RL.9-10.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone.	Standard met	What do the terms “buttonholed” and “buttonholing” mean in this part of the selection?	Explain how a character’s actions or attitude can change the meaning of a word or phrase.

Grade 10 - Writing

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Research to Build and Present Knowledge				
W.9-10.7	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.	Standard met	Based on this excerpt, British Intelligence identified France, Greece, and Italy as possible European invasion points because	Write a question about one additional fact you would have liked to learn from a selection you read. Answer the question by using the Internet or other research tools to find the necessary information.
W.9-10.8	Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.	Standard met	America's dependence on foreign energy sources	Create a news report based on a selection you have read. Report facts from the selection as well as additional facts you researched from reputable sources.

Grade 11 - Reading: Informational

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT

Key Ideas and Details

RI.11-12.1	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.	Standard met	Choose the sentence in this excerpt that gives the most likely explanation for why people suffocate in an avalanche.	Create a new graphic organizer that indicates a selection’s main idea, characters, and supporting details, and how these three areas intersect.
RI.11-12.2	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of the text.	Standard met	What are two distinctive features of the horseshoe crab’s anatomy?	Create a website for a non-fiction selection you read. Include the main idea and supporting details. Include images that would help viewers of your website better understand the topic.
RI.11-12.3	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.	Standard met	Choose the sentence in this excerpt that gives the most likely explanation for why people suffocate in an avalanche.	Create a new graphic organizer that indicates a selection’s main idea, characters, and supporting details, and how these three areas intersect.

Language in Reading: Informational

RI.11-12.10	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading.	Standard met	The genre of this selection is best described as	Choose an expository piece, such as a speech or an essay. Describe how the author uses language to relay information, or make (or respond) to an argument.
RI.11-12.11.a	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on Grades 11-12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. - Use context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Standard met	In this excerpt, what is the meaning of the word “permeation”?	Describe three or more words that you learned recently by reading Non-fiction texts about a certain topic. Explain why knowing these words has helped you better understand the topic.
RI.11-12.12.a	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. - Interpret figures of speech in context and analyze their role in the text.	Standard met	When a consumer joins a CSA, the process can be compared to	Describe how metaphor, simile, hyperbole, or personification is used in a selection and explain how it enhances or distracts from the selection.

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Craft and Structure				
RI.11-12.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term or terms.	Standard met	In this excerpt, what is the meaning of the word “permeation”?	Describe three or more words that you learned recently by reading Non-fiction texts about a certain topic. Explain why knowing these words has helped you better understand the topic.
RI.11-12.5	Analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of the structure an author uses in his or her exposition or argument, including whether the structure makes points clear, convincing, and engaging.	Standard met	Irony occurs when words are used to convey a meaning that is the opposite their usual meaning. What is ironic about this part of the essay?	Explain an author’s use of description in a selection, and how the description shaped the way you viewed and understood the person, object, or event described.
RI.11-12.6	Determine an author’s point of view or purpose in a text in which the rhetoric is particularly effective, analyzing how style and content contribute to the power, persuasiveness or beauty of the text.	Standard met	Why does Morley list the names of the books he purchased on Fifty-ninth Street in this essay?	How effective were the words and writing style used by the author of a selection? Explain why.

Grade 11 - Reading: Literature

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT
Key Ideas and Details				
RL.11-12.1	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.	Standard met	Why did Sam’s mom display his trophies in the living room?	Describe how you arrived at conclusions about a selection’s main idea and characters if information about these text elements was not directly stated.
RL.11-12.2	Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of the text.	Standard met	What is the main idea of this selection?	(Theme: relationships) Describe a character who struggled with society or family and how/if that struggle was resolved.
Craft and Structure				
RL.11-12.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including words with multiple meanings or language that is particularly fresh, engaging, or beautiful.	Standard met	In this excerpt, what does the author mean by the phrase, “a morning star of hope”?	Explain how a character’s actions or attitude can change the meaning of a word or phrase.

Grade 12 - Reading: Informational

STANDARD IDENTIFIER	STANDARD	ALIGNMENT	READING PLUS EXEMPLARS	
			READING STEM	WRITING PROMPT

Key Ideas and Details

RI.11-12.1	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.	Standard met	In the end, the Harlem Renaissance gave African Americans a sense of	Do people learn by studying the past? Use details from a selection you have read, as well as your reasoning skills, to support your answer.
RI.11-12.2	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of the text.	Standard met	What is the main idea of this selection?	Using the Internet or other research tools, find three additional pieces of information that support the main idea stated in the selection.
RI.11-12.3	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.	Standard met	What is the main idea of this selection?	Using the Internet or other research tools, find three additional pieces of information that support the main idea stated in the selection.

Craft and Structure

RI.11-12.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term or terms.	Standard met	What did writer Adam Gopnik mean when he described Central Park as “a stage set”?	Choose an essay or speech you have read and describe how the author’s use of figurative language helped to make the essay or speech effective and/or meaningful. Use details from the selection to explain and support your answer.
RI.11-12.5	Analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of the structure an author uses in his or her exposition or argument, including whether the structure makes points clear, convincing, and engaging.	Standard met	Read this excerpt. What is the author implying about the American attitude toward junk food in the second sentence?	Choose an informational text that presents information in a cause-and-effect or problem-and-solution manner. Describe why the organization of information did (or did not) help you understand the main idea of the selection.
RI.11-12.6	Determine an author’s point of view or purpose in a text in which the rhetoric is particularly effective, analyzing how style and content contribute to the power, persuasiveness or beauty of the text.	Standard met	Who was President Kennedy’s real target audience for his September 1962 moon speech?	Describe how the author of an argument tries to prove that he or she is right.

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Integration of Knowledge and Ideas				
RI.11-12.7	Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in media or formats as well as in words in order to address a question or solve a problem.	Standard met	The International Space Station captured this image of the aurora australis streaming over the Antarctic. Due to the predominance of green light, which type of emission generated the aurora seen in this image?	Choose an image from a nonfiction selection you have read. Use the image as inspiration to write a new fictional piece on the same topic.
RI.11-12.9	Analyze foundational documents of historical and literary significance for their themes, purposes, and rhetorical features.	Standard met	How do these two excerpts work together?	Use a Venn diagram to compare two non-fiction selections on the same topic.

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Key Ideas and Details				
RL.11-12.1	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.	Standard met	What about Jean-Victor strikes Hardimont as “startling”?	What are some clues you found in a selection that let you know when and where the selection takes place even though the author does not overtly state this information?
RL.11-12.2	Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of the text.	Standard met	The events in this tale could best be described by the expression	(Theme: environment) Describe a selection in which a nature or the environment was represented in either a positive or negative way, and how this positive or negative view affected the characters and events in the selection.
RL.11-12.3	Analyze the impact of the author’s choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story or drama.	Standard met	In this selection, de Cervantes used an image to make an analogy. According to de Cervantes, this image represents	Choose an image from a fictional selection you have read. Use the image as inspiration to write a new nonfiction piece on the same topic.
Language in Reading: Literature				
RL.11-12.11.a	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11-12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. - Use context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Standard met	Based upon the following excerpt, the word “betokening” most closely means	Explain how a character’s actions or attitude can change the meaning of a word or phrase.
Craft and Structure				
RL.11-12.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including words with multiple meanings or language that is particularly fresh, engaging, or beautiful.	Standard met	Based upon the following excerpt, the word “betokening” most closely means	Explain how a character’s actions or attitude can change the meaning of a word or phrase.
RL.11-12.5	Analyze how an author’s choices concerning how to structure specific parts of a text contribute to its overall structure and meaning as well as its aesthetic impact.	Standard met	A motif is a recurring story element that has symbolic importance. A repeated motif is often used to set a story’s mood or tone. What is one motif in this selection?	Explain why an author chose to organize a selection’s plot in an unconventional way. What benefits or disadvantages resulted from the action being presented in this way?
RL.11-12.6	Analyze a case in which grasping a point of view requires distinguishing what is directly stated in a text from what is really meant.	Standard met	Based on this excerpt, which expression would you expect to see on the correspondent’s face when he reaches the shore?	How has visualizing helped you understand a selection when an author changes a point of view? Describe your visualization of the same scene through the eyes of different characters.

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