

GRADE 8

LANGUAGE ARTS
INDEX

Strand	Lesson	Focus	Standard(s)	ELD Standards
Capitalization Language Stan. L.8.2	1	Titles	L.8.2: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling	ELD.PI.8.10: Composing/writing literary and informational texts. ELD.PI.8.11: Supporting opinions or
	2	Names of Organizations		
	3	Abbreviations, People's Titles		
	4	Quotations	when writing.	justifying arguments and evaluating others' opinions or arguments.
	E1	Evaluation – Proper Nouns and Quotations		
	1	Commas to Indicate a Pause/Break	L.8.2a: Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.	
	2	Commas to Indicate a Pause/Break		
2a-b	3	Ellipsis to Indicate Pause/Break/Omissions	L.8.2a, L.8.2b: Use an ellipsis to indicate an omission.	
L .8.	4	Dashes to Indicate a Pause/Break		
a tio r L.8.2,	E1	Evaluation – Identifying Correct Punctuation	L.8.2a	ELD.PI.8.10: Composing/writing
Punctuation Standard L.8.2, L.8.2a-b	5	Using Apostrophes		literary and informational texts. ELD.PI.8.11: Supporting opinions or justifying arguments and evaluating
Pur Stan	6	Using Apostrophes		others' opinions or arguments.
Language	7	Using Colons	L.8.2	
Lang	8	Using Semicolons		
	E2	Evaluation – Sentence Evaluation		
	P1	Performance Lesson #1 – Writing Letters (L.8.	2, L.8.2a, L.8.2b)	
	1	Textual Evidence		
	2	Textual Evidence	RI.8.1: Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	
RI.8.8	3	Textual Evidence		
6,	4	Textual Evidence		
ct -RI.8.	E1	Evaluation – Textual Evidence		
Informational Text Text Standards: RI.8.1-RI.	5	Central Idea		
nal ds: R	6	Central Idea	RI.8.2: Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the	
atic ndare	7	Summary	course of the text, including its	
rm Star	8	Summary	relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.	
	E2	Evaluation – Central Idea & Objective Summary		
ing ona	Text fo	r Lessons 12,13, 17 and Evaluation 3: Susan	B. Anthony Speech	
ead mati	9	Text Structure: Paragraph	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.	ELD.PI.8.6: Reading closely and explaining interpretations/ideas from
R nfor	10	Text Structure: Paragraph		reading. ELD.PI.8.8: Analyzing how writers use
ing l	11	Text Structure: Paragraph		vocabulary and other language resources.
Reading Informational	12	Text Structure: Paragraph		
	E3	Evaluation – Text Structure: Paragraph		ELD.PII.8.1: Understanding text structure.
	P2	Performance Lesson #2 – Theodore Roosevelt and the Natural World (RI.8.1, RI.8.2, RI.8.5)		ELD.PII.8.2: Understanding cohesion.

Strand	Lesson	Focus	Standard(s)	ELD Standards	
Informational Text Text Standards: RI.8.1-RI.8.6, RI.8.8	13	Trace and Evaluate Arguments	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.	ELD.Pl.8.6: Reading closely and	
	14	Trace and Evaluate Arguments			
	15	Trace and Evaluate Arguments			
	16	Trace and Evaluate Arguments			
	E4	Evaluation – Trace and Evaluate Arguments	evidence is introduced.	explaining interpretations/ideas from reading.	
8.6	17	Author's Purpose and Point of View		ELD.PI.8.7: Evaluating how well writers and speakers use language to	
ext	18	Author's Purpose and Point of View	RI.8.6: Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze	present or support ideas.	
T = 8	19	Author's Purpose and Point of View	how the author acknowledges and		
Reading Informational Text ormational Text	20	Author's Purpose and Point of View	responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints.		
atic	E5	Evaluation – Author's Purpose; Point of View			
rm Star	21	Connections			
nfo ext	22	Connections	RI.8.3: Analyze how a text makes connections among and distinctions	ELD.PI.8.6: Reading closely and	
18	23	Distinctions	between individuals, ideas, or events	explaining interpretations/ideas from reading.	
din	24	Distinctions	(e.g., through comparisons, analogies, or categories).	reduing.	
%ea	E6	Evaluation – Connections and Distinctions			
Reading Informational	25	Word Meaning	RI.8.4: Determine the meaning of words	ELD.PI.8.6: Reading closely and	
ging	26	Word Choice and Tone	and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and	explaining interpretations/ideas from reading.	
Read	27	Word Choice and Tone	technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.	ELD.Pl.8.7: Evaluating how well writers and speakers use language to present or support ideas. ELD.Pl.8.8: Analyzing how writers use vocabulary and other language	
	28	Allusions			
	E7	Evaluation – Word Choice, Meaning, Tone, Allusions			
	Р3	Performance Lesson #3 – The Square Deal (RI	.8.3, RI.8.4, RI.8.6, RI.8.8)	resources.	
	1	Gerunds	L.8.1a: Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.		
	2	Participles		ELD.PI.8.4: Adapt language choices to various contexts. ELD.PI.8.5: Listen actively; ask/answer	
	3	Infinitives			
	4	Verbals – Gerunds, Participles, Infinitives			
P	E1	Evaluation – Verbals		questions about what was heard. ELD.PI.8.6: Read closely and explain	
8.1a	P4	Performance Lesson #4 – Ashley's Room (L.8.1	1a)	interpretations/ideas from reading. ELD.PI.8.9: Express information and	
Grammar and Usage	5	Indicative and Interrogative Mood		ideas in oral presentations. ELD.PI.8.10 : Compose/write literary	
19 C	6	Imperative Mood	L.8.1c: Form and use verbs in the	and informational texts. ELD.PI.8.11: Justify arguments and	
r ar	7	Conditional Mood	indicative, imperative, interrogative,	evaluate others' arguments. ELD.PI.8.12: Select & apply varied &	
na l	8	Subjunctive Mood	conditional, and subjunctive mood.	precise vocabulary.	
ami ge S	E2	Evaluation – Verb Mood			
Grammar and Usage Language Standard L.8.1, L.8.1a-d	9	Shifts in Mood	L.8.1d: Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.	ELD.PII.8.2: Understanding cohesion. ELD.PII.8.3: Using verbs and verb	
	10	Active and Passive Voice	L.8.1b: Form and use verbs in the active	phrases. ELD.PII.8.4: Using nouns and noun	
	11	Active and Passive Voice	and passive voice.	phrases. ELD.PII.8.5: Modifying to add details.	
	12	Shifts in Verb Voice	L.8.1d	ELD.PII.8.6: Connecting ideas. ELD.PII.8.7: Condensing ideas.	
	E3	Evaluation – Verb Voice and Mood	L.8.1b, L.8.1d		
	_			, l	

Strand	Lesson	Focus	Standard(s)	ELD Standards
Spelling Language Standard L.8.2, L.8.2c	1	Ending Rules	L.8.2c: Spell Correctly.	ELD.PI.8.10: Composing/writing literary and informational texts. ELD.PI.8.11: Supporting opinions or justifying arguments and evaluating others' opinions or arguments.
	2	Ending Rules		
	3	Homophones		
	4	Commonly Misspelled Words		
	E1	Evaluation – Using Correct Spelling		
Spe Stand	5	Spelling Plural Nouns		
guage	6	Adding Inflectional Endings		
Lan	7	Inflectional Endings for Words Ending in y	L.8.2c	
	8	Spelling Possessive Nouns		
	E2	Evaluation – Using Correct Spelling		
	1	Make a Plan from a Prompt	W.8.1: Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.	
v.8.2a-f, W.8.3, W.8.3a-e	2	Writing an Introduction	W.8.1a: Introduce claim(s); acknowledge and distinguish claim(s) from alternate/opposing claims; organize reasons & evidence logically.	ELD.PI.8.2: Interacting via written English (print and multimedia). ELD.PI.8.4: Adapting language choices to various contexts. ELD.PI.8.10: Composing/writing literary and informational texts. ELD.PI.8.11: Justifying arguments and evaluating others' arguments. ELD.PI.8.12: Selecting and applying varied and precise vocabulary and other language resources. ELD.PII.8.1: Understanding text structure. ELD.PII.8.2: Understanding cohesion. ELD.PII.8.6: Connecting ideas. ELD.PII.8.7: Condensing ideas.
	3	Support with Logic and Evidence	W.8.1b: Support claim(s) w/ logical reasoning & relevant evidence, using accurate, credible	
8.2a-f, M	4	Support with Logic and Evidence	sources; demonstrate understanding of topic.	
Writing Writing Standards: W.8.1, W.8.1a-e, W.8.2, W.8	E1	Evaluation – Argument Self Evaluation	W.8.1, W.8.1a, W.8.1b	
	5	Writing Conclusions	W.8.1e: Provide a concluding statement/section that follows from and supports the argument presented.	
	6	Clarifying Claims and Counterclaims	W.8.1c: Use words, phrases, clauses to create cohesion & clarify relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, & evidence.	
rds: W.8	7	Establish and Maintain Formal Style	W.8.1d: Establish and maintain a formal style.	
g Standa	8	Clarifying and Establishing an Essay	W.8.1, W.8.1c, W.8.1d	
Writing	E2	Evaluation – Self-Check and Peer Review	W.8.1, W.8.1c, W.8.1d, W.8.1e	
	Р6	Performance Lesson #6 – Internet Use (W.8.1	1, W.8.1a-W.8.1e)	

Strand	Lesson	Focus	Standard(s)	ELD Standards
	9		W.8.2: Write informative/explanatory texts	
		Study a Prompt and Make an Essay Plan	to examine a topic & convey ideas, concepts, information through selection, organization,	
			and analysis of relevant content.	
	10		W.8.2a: Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts,	
		Writing Introductions Clearly	information into broader categories; include	
			formatting, graphics, and multimedia when	
			useful to aiding comprehension.	ELD.PI.8.2: Interacting via written
	11	Developing the Topic	W.8.2b: Develop a topic with relevant, well-	English (print and multimedia).
			chosen facts/definitions/concrete details/ quotations/other information & examples.	ELD.PI.8.4: Adapting language choices to various contexts.
	12	Developing the Topic	quotations/other information & examples.	ELD.Pl.8.10: Composing/writing
	гэ	Fugliation Solf Fugliation	W.8.2, W.8.2a, W.8.2b	literary and informational texts. ELD.PI.8.12: Selecting and applying
	E3	Evaluation –Self-Evaluation		varied and precise vocabulary and
	43		W.8.2c: Use appropriate and varied	other language resources.
	13	Using Appropriate Transitions	transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.	
			W.8.2f: Provide a concluding statement or	ELD.PII.8.1: Understanding text
	14	Writing a Conclusion	section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.	structure. ELD.PII.8.2: Understanding cohesion.
			information of explanation presented.	ELD.PII.8.6: Connecting ideas.
	15	Explaining a Topic	W.8.2d: Use precise language; domain-	ELD.PII.8.7: Condensing ideas.
	46		specific vocab. to inform about/explain topic. W.8.2e: Establish; maintain a formal style.	
	16	Revising to Explain the Topic	W.S.ZC. Establish, maintain a formal style.	
	E4	Evaluation –Self-Check and Peer Review	W.8.2c, W.8.2d, W.8.2e, W.8.2f	
		Evaluation Self-Greek and Feel Review	W.G.26, W.G.24, W.G.26, W.G.21	
	P7	Performance Lesson #7 - Supernatural Powers (W.8.2, W.8.2a-W.8.2f)		
	17 Study a Prompt and Make a		W.8.3: Write narratives to develop real or	
		Study a Prompt and Make a Plan	imagined experiences/events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and	
			well-structured event sequences.	
ę			W.8.3a: Engage & orient the reader; establishing a context &point of view &	
3.3a	18	Drafting an Introduction	introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally & logically.	
3.3, W.8.3a-e				
8.3,			Haturany & logicany.	
, W.	19	Writing with Well-Structured Sequencing	W.8.3b: Use narrative techniques, such as	ELD.PI.8.2: Interacting via written
2a-f	20	Haira Dialagua ta Davalar Starias	dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, to develop experiences, events, characters.	English (print and multimedia). ELD.PI.8.4: Adapting language choices
N.8.	20	Using Dialogue to Develop Stories	acroiop experiences, events, enaracters.	to various contexts.
.2, \	E5	Evaluation – Narrative Self-Evaluation	W.8.3, W.8.3a, W.8.3b	ELD.PI.8.10: Composing/writing literary and informational texts.
ng ™.8		Evaluation Nutrative Sen Evaluation	vv.o.s, vv.o.su, vv.o.ss	ELD.PI.8.12: Selecting and applying
ʻiti a-e,	21	Pacing and Description to Develop Events	W.8.3b	varied and precise vocabulary and other language resources.
%		,	W.8.3e: Provide a conclusion that follows	other language resources.
, W,	22	Writing a Conclusion	from and reflects on the narrated	ELD.PII.8.1: Understanding text structure. ELD.PII.8.2: Understanding cohesion.
.8.1		The state of the s	experiences or events.	
Writing Standards: W.8.1, W.8.1a-e, W.8.2, W.8.2a-f, W.8.			W.8.3c: Use a variety of transition words, phrases, clauses to convey sequence, signal	
	23	Conveying Sequences	shifts from one time-frame or setting to	ELD.PII.8.6: Connecting ideas. ELD.PII.8.7: Condensing ideas.
			another, and show the relationships among	
			experiences and events. W.8.3d: Use precise words; phrases, relevant	
	24	Conveying Events	descriptive details, sensory language to	
			capture action; convey experiences & events.	
	E6	Evaluation –Self-Check and Peer Review	W.8.3, W.8.3b, W.8.3c, W.8.3d, W.8.3e	
	50	Barfarra de la constanta de la	W 0 2 W 0 2 W 0 2 - 1	
	Р8	Performance Lesson #8 - Fairy Tale Villains (w.s.s, w.s.sa-w.s.se)	

Strand	Lesson	Focus	Standard(s)	ELD Standards	
	1	Context Clues	L.8.4a: Use context (e.g., the overall	ELD.PI.8.10: Composing/writing literary and informational texts. ELD.PII.8.2: Understanding cohesion. ELD.PII.8.3: Using verbs and verb phrases.	
	2	Multiple Meanings and Context			
	3	Multiple Meanings and Context	meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a		
	4	Multiple Meanings and Context	word or phrase.		
	E1	Evaluation –Words in Context			
	5	Greek and Latin Roots	L.8.4b: Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede,		
	6	Greek and Latin Roots		ELD.PII.8.4: Using nouns and noun phrases. ELD.PII.8.5: Modifying to add details.	
	7	Greek Suffixes		ELD.PII.8.6: Connecting ideas. ELD.PII.8.7: Condensing ideas.	
(3	8	Greek Suffixes	recede, secede).		
se 8.5a-c	E2	Evaluation – Greek and Latin Roots			
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use guage Standard L.8.4, L.8.4a-b, L.8.5, L.8.5a-c)	Р9	Performance Lesson #9 – Using Roots and Co	ntext (L.8.4, L.8.4a, L.8.4b)		
on ar a-b, L.	9	Figurative Language		ELD.PI.8.7: Evaluating how well writers and speakers use language to present or support ideas. ELD.PI.8.8: Analyzing how writers use vocabulary and other language resources. ELD.PI.8.10: Composing/writing literary and informational texts. ELD.PI.8.12: Selecting and applying varied and precise vocabulary and other language resources. ELD.PII.8.2: Understanding cohesion. ELD.PII.8.3: Using verbs and verb phrases. ELD.PII.8.4: Using nouns and noun phrases. ELD.PII.8.5: Modifying to add details. ELD.PII.8.6: Connecting ideas. ELD.PII.8.7: Condensing ideas.	
isitio	10	Figurative Language			
Acqu L.8.4,	11	Figurative Language	L.8.5a: Interpret figures of speech (e.g., verbal irony, puns) in context.		
ary / Idard	12	Figurative Language			
abul e Star	E3	Evaluation – Figurative Language			
	13	Word Relationships – Analogies	L.8.5b: Use the relationship between particular words to better understand both words.		
(Lan	14	Word Relationships – Analogies			
	15	Word Relationships – Analogies			
	16	Word Relationships – Analogies			
	E4	Evaluation – Word Relationships – Analogies			
	17	Connotation/Denotation			
	18	Connotation/Denotation	L.8.5c: Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., bullheaded, willful, firm, persistent, resolute).		
	19	Connotation/Denotation			
	20	Connotation/Denotation			
	E5	Evaluation – Connotation/Denotation			
	P10	Performance Lesson #10 – What Does It Mean	n? (L.8.5a, L.8.5b, L.8.5c)		

Strand	Lesson	Focus	Standard(s)	ELD Standards
	1	Emphasizing the Actor, Not Action	L.8.3a: 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).	ELD.PI.8.1: Exchanging information/ideas via oral communication and conversations. ELD.PI.8.2: Interacting via written English (print and multimedia). ELD.PI.8.3: Offering opinions and negotiating with/persuading others. ELD.PI.8.4: Adapting language choices to various contexts. ELD.PI.8.5: Listening actively and asking/answering questions about what was heard. ELD.PI.8.6: Reading closely and explaining interpretations/ideas from reading. ELD.PI.8.7: Evaluating how well writers and speakers use language to present or support ideas. ELD.PI.8.8: Analyzing how writers use vocabulary and other language resources. ELD.PI.8.9: Expressing information and ideas in oral presentations. ELD.PI.8.10: Composing/writing literary and informational texts. ELD.PI.8.11: Supporting opinions or justifying arguments and evaluating others' opinions or arguments. ELD.PI.8.12: Selecting and applying varied and precise vocabulary and other language resources. ELD.PII.8.12: Understanding cohesion. ELD.PII.8.3: Understanding cohesion. ELD.PII.8.3: Using verbs and verb phrases. ELD.PII.8.4: Using nouns and noun
	2	Emphasizing the Action, Not the Actor		
Knowledge of Language (Lang. Stand. L.8.3, L.8.3a)	3	Mood and Effect		
Knowledge of the control of the cont	4	Subjunctive Mood and Effect		
	E1	Evaluation – Voice, Mood, Effect		
	P11	Performance Lesson #11 – Voice, Mood, and Effect (L.8.3, L.8.3a)		phrases. ELD.PII.8.5: Modifying to add details. ELD.PII.8.6: Connecting ideas. ELD.PII.8.7: Condensing ideas.
(9	Text fo	or Lessons 1-15 and Evaluations 1-3: The N	lagic Bonbons by Frank L. Baum	
L.8.6	1	Text Evidence		
8.1-R	2	Text Evidence	RL.8.1: Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of	ELD.PI.8.6: Reading closely and explaining interpretations/ideas from
tur RL	3	Text Evidence	what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	reading.
era ards:	4	Text Evidence		
Lit tand	E1	Evaluation – Text Evidence	RL.8.3: Analyze how particular lines of	
ling ure S	5	Plot and Character	dialogue or incidents in a story or drama	ELD.PI.8.6: Reading closely and explaining interpretations/ideas from reading.
Reading Literature Literature Standards: RL.8	6	Plot and Character	propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision.	
Reading Literature (Reading Literature Standards: RL.8.1-RL.8.6)	7	Point of View	RL.8.6: Analyze how differences in the points of view of the characters and the	
	8	Point of View	audience or reader create such effects as suspense or humor.	
	E2	Evaluation – Plot, Character, Point of View	RL.8.3, RL.8.6	

Strand	Lesson	Focus	Standard(s)	ELD Standards
	9	Word Meanings	RL.8.4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as used in a text, including figurative & connotative meanings; analyze the impact	ELD.PI.8.6: Reading closely and explaining interpretations/ideas from reading. ELD.PI.8.7: Evaluating how well writers and speakers use language to present or support ideas. ELD.PI.8.8: Analyzing how writers use vocabulary and other language resources.
	10	Word Meanings	of specific word choices on meaning & tone, including analogies/allusions to other texts.	
	11	Summary	RL.8.2: Determine a theme/central idea of a text; analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the	
	12	Summary	characters, setting, plot; provide an objective summary of the text.	
	E3	Evaluation – Word Meaning and Summary	RL.8.2, RL.8.4	
	13	Theme		ELD.PI.8.6: Reading closely and
	14	Theme	RL.8.2	
	15	Theme		explaining interpretations/ideas from
	16	Plot/Character	RL.8.3	reading.
	E4	Evaluation – Theme, Plot, Character	RL.8.2, RL.8.3	
	17	Plot and Character	RL.8.3	
	18	Theme		
	19	Theme	RL.8.2	ELD.PI.8.6: Reading closely and
	20	Theme		explaining interpretations/ideas from reading.
	E5	Evaluation – Theme, Plot, Character	RL.8.2, RL.8.3	
3.6)	P12	Performance Lesson #12 – Elements of Literature (RL.8.1, RL.8.2, RL.8.3, RL.8.4, RL.8.6)		
-RL.8	Text fo	or Lessons 21-28, Evaluations 6-7 – Annabe		
ure 8.1	21	Text Evidence	RL.8.1	ELD.PI.8.6: Reading closely and explaining interpretations/ideas from
Reading Literature ₁ g Lit. Standards: RL.8.1-RL.8.6)	22	Word Meaning in Text	RL.8.4	reading. ELD.PI.8.7: Evaluating how well
BD -	23	Text Evidence	RL.8.1	writers and speakers use language to present or support ideas.
ı ding . Star	24	Word Meaning in Text	RL.8.4	ELD.PI.8.8: Analyzing how writers use vocabulary and other language resources.
Reading Reading Lit. Star	E6	Evaluation – Text Evidence and Word Meaning	RL.8.1, RL.8.4	
eadi	Text fo	or Lessons 25-28, Evaluation 7 – Perfect Wo	oman	ELD.PI.8.6: Reading closely and
(Re	25	Poem Structure and Meaning		explaining interpretations/ideas from reading.
	26	Poem Structure and Meaning	RL.8.5: Compare and contrast the structure of two or more texts and	ELD.PI.8.7: Evaluating how well writers and speakers use language to
	27	Poem Structure and Meaning	present or support ide	present or support ideas. ELD.PI.8.8: Analyzing how writers use
	28	Poem Structure and Meaning		·
	E7	Evaluation – Poem Structure and Meaning		ELD.PII.8.1: Understanding text
	P13	Performance Lesson #13 – Poetry Study (RL.1,	RL.8.4, RL.8.5)	structure.