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- ☞ Cite evidence
- ☞ Draw inferences
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Question Stems and Prompts:

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Academic Vocabulary

- cite
- analyze
- explicit
- textual evidence
- inference
- conclude

Spanish Cognates

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RL.8.2

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Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Determine theme or central idea
- Analyze theme/central idea development
- Make inferences
- Formulate an objective summary of the text
- Understand theme /character relationships
- Understand theme/setting
- Understand theme/plot

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ What is the theme or central idea?
- ✓ Cite evidence from the text to support your determination of the theme/central idea.
- ✓ An example of how the theme develops/recurs in the text is _____.
- ✓ How can you objectively summarize the text?
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- determine
- theme
- central idea
- analyze
- objective
- summarize
- cite evidence

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Essential Skills and Concepts:

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- Identify character traits or aspects

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ What statement(s) or action(s) lead to a shift in advancement in the events of the story?
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- dialogue
- incident
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- provoke

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- Understand connotations
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- Understand how word choice impacts meaning
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- Identify and understand the use of analogies and allusion

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ What does the word/phrase _____ mean in this selection?
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- ✓ The word/phrase is an example of _____.
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Academic Vocabulary

- figurative meaning
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- analyze
- specific
- impact
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Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Understand text structures and their forms
- Understand and analyze how text structure contributes to the meaning of a text
- Compare and contrast structures of text

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ What is the structure of each text?
- ✓ How are the structures similar/different?
- ✓ What is the meaning of each text?
- ✓ How does the structure of the text contribute to its meaning?
- ✓ How would the meaning of the text have been different if it were written as a _____?

Academic Vocabulary

- analyze
- text structure
- contribute
- compare
- contrast
- differ

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- contribuir
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RL.8.6

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Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Explain and identify various points of view of characters
- Understand and explain the development of the narrator’s point of view
- Contrast the points of view of the character(s) and the audience/reader
- Determine the effect of differing points of view
- Recognize and understand text devices (eg. irony)
- Recognize and understand text effects (eg. suspense, humor)

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ What are the characters’ points of view?
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- ✓ How does the author’s word choice help to develop the narrator/ speaker’s point of view?
- ✓ Does the character’s point of view differ from that of the audience? If so what effect is created?

Academic Vocabulary

- author
- point of view
- develop
- narrator
- omniscient
- subjective
- objective
- point of view
- dramatic
- effect
- suspense

Spanish Cognates

- autor(a)
- punto de vista
- narrador(a)
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RL.8.7

Analyze the extent to which a filmed or live production of a story or drama stays faithful to or departs from the text or script, evaluating the choices made by the director or actors.

Essential Skills and Concepts:

- ❑ Compare & contrast a production of a drama or story with the text or script
- ❑ Determine and evaluate the effect of variance from the text or script

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ How does the production differ from the text or script?
- ✓ Why do you think the director chose to depart/stay faithful to the text or script?
- ✓ Do you agree with the director’s choice why or why not?
- ✓ Evaluate the effectiveness of the media techniques used to portray the work.
- ✓ Select an event from the book and compare it to a scene from the production. How are they different and why?
- ✓ What senses were most stimulated by the production?
- ✓ What medium most impacts your understanding of the selected work?
- ✓ How does reading a story compare to the audio or video version?

Academic Vocabulary

- analyze
- production
- depart
- faithful
- evaluate
- extent
- director
- production
- event
- senses
- medium
- techniques
- portray

Spanish Cognates

- analizar
- producción
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RL.8.9

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Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Identify themes, pattern of events & character types in literature
- Compare modern fictional elements with traditional pieces
- Identify how similar elements are modernized

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ What are the theme patterns of events and or character types of the texts?
- ✓ How do the elements in the modern texts compare with traditional works?
- ✓ What changes are made to the _____, to modernize it?

Academic Vocabulary:

- analyze
- theme
- myth
- traditional
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- Read various forms of literature fluently
- Demonstrate comprehension of various forms of literary text
- Read independently and comprehend complex texts
- Make an effort to independently read texts of increasing complexity
- Monitor comprehension

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ What have you read independently lately?
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- ✓ Do you think you are ready to read a more complex text or different type of literature?
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Academic Vocabulary

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- independent
- proficient
- comprehend
- genre
- fiction
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- Identify inference that can be drawn from the text
- Analyze a text
- Provide support for analysis of text
- Identify hierarchy of evidence to support analysis

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ What evidence is most supportive of your analysis?
- ✓ What is your analysis of the text?
- ✓ What evidence leads you to this conclusion?
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- ✓ Show me in the text what makes you think that _____.
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- Analyze development of idea in text
- Analyze the role of supporting ideas to the central idea
- Provide an objective summary

Question Stems and Prompts:

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- ✓ How is the central idea developed?
- ✓ What supporting ideas are included in the text?
- ✓ Provide an objective summary of the text.
- ✓ What makes your summary objective?
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- Analyze distinctions between individuals, ideas
- Recognize & interpret comparisons and analogies

Question Stems and Prompts:

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- ✓ What distinctions can you make between the text’s individuals, ideas, or events? How might you compare or categorize the distinctions?
- ✓ What analogy best illustrates the connections/distinctions found in the text?

Academic Vocabulary

- analyze
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- distinction
- comparison
- analogy
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- connotative
- technical
- specific
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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. (See grade 8 Language standard 4-6 for additional expectations.) CA

Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Understand connotations
- Understand figurative language (simile, metaphor, analogy, hyperbole, personification, idioms, onomatopoeia)
- Understand how word choice impacts meaning
- Understand how word choice impacts tone
- Identify and understand the use of analogies and allusion

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ What does the word/phrase _____ mean in this selection?
- ✓ This word/phrase is an example of_____.
- ✓ Without changing the meaning of the sentence, what word can best be used to replace the underlined part?
- ✓ How does the author’s use of repetition of sounds impact the tone of the text?
- ✓ According to this passage, an _____ is like a _____ because both _____.
- ✓ The author uses connotation to_____.
- ✓ What is the meaning of the analogy _____?
- ✓ What does _____ allude to?

Academic Vocabulary

- figurative
- connotative
- technical
- specific
- tone
- analogy
- allusion
- selection

Spanish Cognates

- figurado/figurativo
- técnico
- específico
- tono
- analogía
- selección

Anchor Standard

Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.

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.

- a. **Analyze the use of text features (e.g., graphics, headers, captions) in consumer materials. CA**

Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Understand and analyze text structure
- Understand and analyze paragraph structure
- Understand types of sentences (topic, detail, evidence, conclusion)
- Identify the key concept
- Use text features
- Understand structure & utility of consumer documents

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ What is the structure of the text?
- ✓ How is this paragraph organized?
- ✓ What is the key concept?
- ✓ How was the key concept developed?
- ✓ Which sentence(s) specifically develop the concept?
- ✓ Is this information also included in the text or solely found in the _____ (text feature)?
- ✓ Identify the text features. What information do the text features provide?

Academic Vocabulary

- analyze
- detail
- structure
- specific
- text
- role
- develop
- refine
- concept
- text feature
- graphic
- header
- caption
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Spanish Cognates

- analizar
- detalle
- estructura
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Anchor Standard

Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of text.

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.

Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Understand and identify point of view
- Understand and identify purpose
- Identify conflicting viewpoints in text
- Analyze how an author addresses conflicting evidence or viewpoints

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ What is the author’s point of view/purpose in this text? How do you know?
- ✓ What conflicting viewpoints does the text explore?
- ✓ How does the author treat or respond to conflicting evidence?
- ✓ Is the author effective in his examination of conflicting evidence?

Academic Vocabulary

- point of view
- purpose
- analyze
- acknowledge
- respond
- conflicting
- evidence
- viewpoint

Spanish Cognates

- punto de vista
- propósito
- analizar
- responder
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Anchor Standard

Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

RI.8.7

Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using different mediums (e.g., print or digital text, video, multimedia) to present a particular topic or idea.

Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Understand the differences in various mediums (print, video, multimedia)
- Compare the presentation of a topic in one or more mediums.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of using different mediums.

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ What topic or idea is presented?
- ✓ How is the topic similar & different when presented in the various mediums?
- ✓ Which medium is most effective in presenting the topic? Why?
- ✓ What limitations are realized when using _____ (medium) to present the topic?

Academic Vocabulary

- evaluate
- advantage
- disadvantage
- medium
- digital
- multimedia
- particular

Spanish Cognates

- evaluar
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Anchor Standard

Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, including the validity of the reasoning as well as the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.

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.

Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Outline or trace the arguments and claims in text
- Understand and assess validity of reasoning
- Understand and evaluate relevance
- Determine if sufficient evidence is presented to support an argument or claim
- Recognize irrelevant evidence

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ Identify the argument that is presented.
- ✓ What claims support the argument?
- ✓ In what manner are the argument and claims presented?
- ✓ Is the reasoning presented logical?
- ✓ What evidence is presented?
- ✓ Analyze what evidence is relevant and what evidence is irrelevant to the argument.
- ✓ Is enough evidence presented to support the argument?
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Academic Vocabulary

- delineate
- evaluate
- argument
- specific
- claim
- text
- assess
- reasoning
- sound
- evidence
- relevant(pertinent)
- sufficient
- irrelevant

Spanish Cognates

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- argumento
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Anchor Standard

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RI.8.9

Analyze a case in which two or more texts provide conflicting information on the same topic and identify where the texts disagree on matters of fact or interpretation.

Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Compare & contrast texts
- Identify similar topics
- Identify conflicting information
- Distinguish between fact & interpretation

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ Identify the topic both texts address.
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- ✓ Analyze how the texts present conflicting information on matters of fact or interpretation.

Academic Vocabulary

- Analyze
- case
- text
- conflict
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Anchor Standard

Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

RI.8.10

By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Read various forms of literary nonfiction fluently
- Demonstrate comprehension of various forms of literary text
- Read independently and comprehend complex texts
- Make an effort to independently read texts of increasing complexity
- Monitor comprehension

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ What have you read independently lately?
- ✓ What are the topics/central ideas of the nonfiction texts that you have recently read?
- ✓ What topic did you enjoy the most?
- ✓ Have you read multiple books by the same author?
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- ✓ Do you think you are ready to read a more complex text or different type of literary nonfiction?
- ✓ What made this text or reading complex?
- ✓ Briefly summarize the central idea of the text.

Academic Vocabulary

- text complexity
- independent
- proficient
- comprehend

Spanish Cognates

- complejidad del texto
- independiente
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Anchor Standard

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W.8.1

Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

- a. Introduce claim(s), acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
- b. Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
- c. Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
- d. Establish and maintain a formal style.
- e. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.

Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Write an argument with claims, reasons, and evidence
- Understand use of counterclaims in an argument essay
- Employ logical reasoning when supporting claims
- Understand what makes evidence relevant, accurate and credible
- Create cohesion & clarify relationships via choice
- Understand sentences of “formal style”
- Craft conclusions that support the argument

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ Identify how you introduced your claim(s)
- ✓ How did you distinguish your claim(s) from opposing claims?
- ✓ Support your claims with logical reasoning, relevant evidence, and accurate, credible resources that shows understanding of the topic or text.
- ✓ How are your claims & reasons organized?
- ✓ Establish and maintain a “formal” style when writing.
- ✓ How does your concluding statement (section) support the arguments presented?

Academic Vocabulary

- argument
- claim
- relevant
- evidence
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Spanish Cognates

- argumento
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W.8.1 – (Continued)

Academic Vocabulary

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- reasoning
- accurate
- credible
- cohesion
- clarify
- counterclaim

Spanish Cognates

- lógico
- razonamiento
- creíble
- cohesión
- aclarar
- reconvención

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Anchor Standard

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

W.8.2

Write informative/ explanatory texts, **including career development documents (e.g., simple business letters and job applications)**, to examine a topic and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content. CA

- a. Introduce a topic **or thesis statement** clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension. CA
- b. Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
- c. Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
- d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
- e. Establish and maintain a formal style.
- f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Understand format & purpose of career development documents (business letter, job application)
- Craft a thesis statement
- Use formatting, graphics, media
- Provide relevant concrete details
- Use transitions
- Understand & use formal style
- Write conclusions

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ How does your thesis statement preview the content of the essay?
- ✓ What categories of supporting details do you provide? Include relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
- ✓ How did you transition from various ideas and concepts?
- ✓ Are the transitions cohesive?
- ✓ Employ the use of formatting with headings, graphics, and/or multimedia to aid comprehension of the topic.
- ✓ What makes the piece formal?
- ✓ How does the conclusion support the information presented?

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- document
- application
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- analysis
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Spanish Cognates

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Anchor Standard

Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

W.8.3

Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

- a. Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
- b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
- c. Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.
- d. Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
- e. Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.

Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Understand narrative techniques: dialogue, pacing, description, events and/or characters
- Understand how the author uses a variety of transitional words and phrases to convey sequence from one time frame or setting to another
- Understand story plot line: exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution
- Understand literary devices
- Understand reflection
- Understand narrative organization textual structure
- Understand realistic and fictional conflict

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ Who is the narrator? How does the author introduce the narrator?
- ✓ Establish a context and point of view in the narrative
- ✓ What event/events reveal the problem in the story?
- ✓ Does the author use dialogue to develop the plot? How does this dialogue convey the mood the author is creating?
- ✓ Who are the protagonist and the antagonist of the story? How do they affect the action and resolution?

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- ✓ What organization pattern did the author use? How do you know?
- ✓ Reflect on the events or experiences in the conclusion.

Academic Vocabulary

- characters
- setting
- rising/falling action
- climax
- resolution
- story plot
- protagonist/antagonist
- narrator
- point of view
- dialoguing
- organizational pattern

Spanish Cognates

- clímax
- resolución
- protagonista / antagonista
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Anchor Standard

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W.8.4

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Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Understand the writing process
- Understand purpose for writing
- Understand audience
- Understand how to organize ideas and use transition to create cohesion among characters and ideas
- Organize well-crafted paragraphs

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ Who is your audience? How will this affect your writing?
- ✓ What is your task or purpose?
- ✓ How will you organize your writing?
- ✓ What transitions will you use within and between paragraphs to help the reader?
- ✓ Does your conclusion refer to the thesis statement for continued cohesion?

Academic Vocabulary

- audience
- organizational patterns
- transitions
- thesis statement
- conclusion

Spanish Cognates

- audiencia
- patrones de orgaización
- transiciones
- declaración de tesis
- conclusión

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Academic Vocabulary

- audience
- organizational patterns
- transitions
- thesis statement
- conclusion

Spanish Cognates

- audiencia
- patrones de orgaización
- transiciones
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- conclusión

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- Understand the purpose for writing
- Support peers in the revision process
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- Understand the use of sentence variety
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Academic Vocabulary

- revising
- editing
- organization
- planning
- rewriting
- sentence variety
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Spanish Cognates

- la revisión de
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Anchor Standard

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W.8.6

Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.

Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Type with proficiency
- Use key words to locate information on the internet
- Know how to site a variety of sources
- Use various computer programs/applications such as Google Docs, Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and Publisher to produce and publish documents/information.
- Know how to format and design page layouts
- Understand how to embed links into a document
- Use email, blogs, Edmodo, Moodle, Schoology, Google Classroom and other media/technology to interact and collaborate with others.

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ How will you use technology to create this document?
- ✓ How can you include a link to resources within your document?
- ✓ Use grammar and spell check.
- ✓ How did you cite your work?
- ✓ How did you use technology to interact and collaborate with others?

Academic Vocabulary

- cite
- collaborate
- technology
- publish
- produce
- link
- URL
- moodle
- software
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Spanish Cognates

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W.8.7

Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.

Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Understand the steps of a research project
- Understand how to use computer publishing
- Know how to use advanced or focused internet searches
- Understand how to locate online resources: newspaper, library books, magazines, speakers, interview, published professional texts
- Know how to create a bibliography or citation page
- Understand paraphrasing
- Understand direct quotes

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ What question does your report answer?
- ✓ What new questions do you have? How will you explore them for your research?
- ✓ Did you give credit for the information you used?
- ✓ How did you know that the source was credible?
- ✓ What is the correct way to site your sources in your bibliography or citation page?
- ✓ Show me where you found _____ information
- ✓ Looking at these two sources, which source would be the most valid? Why?

Academic Vocabulary

- paraphrase
- credit
- source
- cite
- bibliography
- citation page
- valid

Spanish Cognates

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- crédito
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W.8.8

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Understand how to gather applicable information from digital sources
- Understand how to gather applicable information from printed sources
- Know how to assess credible sources
- Understand how to quote/paraphrase information without plagiarizing
- Be able to create a bibliography using a standard format for citation
- Understand how to create a bibliography/citation page

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ Did you use “advanced search” to research your material?
- ✓ How do you know the information is credible?
- ✓ How do you know the source is credible?
- ✓ What format did you use when citing sources for your bibliography?
- ✓ How did you site a digital source?
- ✓ Once you read the data, what did you do to summarize the information for easier readability?
- ✓ How do you quote or paraphrase without plagiarizing?

Academic Vocabulary

- credible source
- format
- bibliography
- citation page
- digital source
- data
- paraphrase

Spanish Cognates

- formato
- bibliografía
- fuentes digital
- datos
- parafrasear

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Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Identify themes, pattern of events & character types in literature
- Outline or trace the arguments and claims in text
- Understand and assess validity of reasoning
- Understand and evaluate relevance
- Determine if sufficient evidence is presented to support an argument or claim
- Recognize irrelevant evidence
- Analyze information, draw evidence and support analysis of the information (all of the above) both in literature and literary nonfiction for use in writing.

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ After reading _____ (literature or informational texts), write _____ (an essay or substitute) in which you argue _____ (content). Support your position with evidence from the text(s). *Argument*
- ✓ After reading _____ (literature or informational texts), write _____ (a report, essay or substitutes) in which you analyze _____ (content), providing examples to clarify your analysis. *Informative/Explanatory*
- ✓ After reading _____ (literature or informational texts), write _____ (a narrative or substitute) from the perspective of _____ (content). *Narrative* (<http://ldc.org/resources>)

Academic Vocabulary

- evidence
- historical account
- author’s portrayal
- factual
- fictional
- support claims
- objective
- bias

Spanish Cognates

- relato histórico
- ficticio
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- Understand the writing process
- Plan & self-monitor when writing
- Understand & use research skills
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- Use of revision strategies

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ What is the purpose of this task?
- ✓ What is the time frame of the task?
- ✓ Who is the audience? What steps will you take to complete the task?
- ✓ What was the purpose for writing?
- ✓ Will your style be formal? Informal? Why?
- ✓ Is the thesis statement supported by evidence that can be traced throughout the writing?

Academic Vocabulary

- research
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- revision
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Spanish Cognates

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SL.8.1

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- a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
- b. Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
- c. Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
- d. Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Understand and use the rules for having a conversation with different partners
- Read and study material prior to participating in group discussions
- Monitor progress so that deadlines can be met
- Pose questions that connect to the topic/ideas
- Respond appropriately with evidence, observations and ideas relevant to the topic
- Question and reflect on discussions
- Acknowledge the contributions of others
- Modify opinions based on new information or evidence

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ What preparation or research have you done in order to fully participate in the discussion?
- ✓ What progress has been made as a result of the discussion?
- ✓ My thought(s) before discussion are _____.
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- deadlines
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SL.8.2

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Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Know that media is used to present information
- Analyze why information is being presented using a particular format or media
- Evaluate the motive of the presenter

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ How does the speaker use media?
- ✓ What is the effect of using visual formats to deliver the information?
- ✓ What is the motive of the presentation?
- ✓ Given the speaker’s motive, was the use of diverse media effective?
- ✓ Do you think the speaker’s motives were political, social, or commercial?
- ✓ Would you have chosen a different format to present this information? Why or why not?
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Academic Vocabulary

- media
- format
- visual
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Anchor Standard

Evaluate a speaker’s point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric.

SL.8.3

Delineate a speaker’s argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and relevance and sufficiency of the evidence and identifying when irrelevant evidence is introduced.

Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Identify the arguments and claims
- Analyze and determine whether the speaker’s claims are sound and logical
- Determine whether the speaker has used sufficient evidence to support the claims and arguments
- Know when evidence cited is irrelevant to the topic or claim

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ Is the speaker’s argument valid? Why or why not?
- ✓ Is the speaker’s argument reasonable and based on logic?
- ✓ Were you able to follow the speaker’s reasoning?
- ✓ Which claims were supported by the speaker? Which claims were unsupported?
- ✓ Can you find an example of a claim the speaker made that was not supported by evidence?
- ✓ Rate the soundness of this presentation.

Academic Vocabulary

- argument
- validity
- claims
- speaker
- supported
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- appropriate
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Anchor Standard

Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

SL.8.4

Present claims and findings (e.g., **argument, narrative, response to literature presentations**), emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. CA

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Essential Skills:

- Plan and deliver a presentation
- Distinguish between a claim and a finding
- Understand the structure for a narrative presentation
- Establish a context and viewpoint
- Present events in a logical sequence
- Understand sequencing ideas logically
- Use techniques such as dialogue, pacing, description and sensory language when presenting information
- Speak with adequate volume and clear pronunciation
- Provide a conclusion based on experience

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ What is the prompt? (argumentative, narrative, informative, response to literature)
- ✓ How you will plan your presentation?
- ✓ What is your thesis?
- ✓ What evidence did you produce to support the thesis?
- ✓ Where could you add more evidence to support your claim?
- ✓ When you present your claim, is there cohesion from the beginning though the end?
- ✓ What points will you emphasize?
- ✓ Evaluate your use of eye contact, volume, and clear pronunciation in your presentation.

Academic Vocabulary

- prompt
- argument
- narrative
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- Establish a context and viewpoint
- Present events in a logical sequence
- Understand sequencing ideas logically
- Use techniques such as dialogue, pacing, description and sensory language when presenting information
- Speak with adequate volume and clear pronunciation
- Provide a conclusion based on experience

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ What is the prompt? (argumentative, narrative, informative, response to literature)
- ✓ How you will plan your presentation?
- ✓ What is your thesis?
- ✓ What evidence did you produce to support the thesis?
- ✓ Where could you add more evidence to support your claim?
- ✓ When you present your claim, is there cohesion from the beginning though the end?
- ✓ What points will you emphasize?
- ✓ Evaluate your use of eye contact, volume, and clear pronunciation in your presentation.

Academic Vocabulary

- prompt
- argument
- narrative
- information
- response to literature
- presentation

Spanish Cognates

- argumento
- narración(n) narrativo (adj.)
- información
- respuesta a la literatura
- presentación

SL.8.4 – (Continued)

Academic Vocabulary

- thesis
- evidence
- cohesion
- claim
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Spanish Cognates

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Anchor Standard

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SL.8.5

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Essential Skills:

- Be proficient in using multimedia components to enhance presentation such as video cameras, projectors, presentation applications, and document cameras
- Select appropriate multimedia and visual displays to enhance and strengthen information in presentations, rather than detract.

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ What is the message or information you want to convey to your audience?
- ✓ What digital media did you use to enhance your presentation?
- ✓ How did the use of this technology help convey your presentation’s message to your audience?
- ✓ What could you do to keep your presentation focused on your subject matter?
- ✓ What other technology can you use to help clarify your presentation?

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- technology
- presentation
- message
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SL.8.6

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Essential Skills:

- Identify your audience
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- Identify the task or purpose of your speech
- Understand the use of content appropriate vocabulary
- Enunciate and speak at appropriate volume and pace

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ What is the purpose of the speech?
- ✓ Who is your audience, and how will your audience affect your vocabulary?
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Academic Vocabulary

- purpose
- formal
- informal
- emphasize
- appropriate language
- vocabulary
- affective
- presentation

Spanish Cognates

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L.8.1

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- c. Form and use verbs in the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive mood.
- d. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Understand and correctly use all parts of speech
- Understand the use of gerunds, participles, and infinitives
- Understand the difference between various pronouns, (subject, object, possessive, singular, plural; first, second, and third person pronouns; antecedent and indefinite pronouns)
- Understand and correctly use verbs in the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional and subjunctive mood.
- Have a command of conventions when writing and/or speaking
- Use modifiers clearly and correctly

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ Can you change this subject/predicate sentence to begin with a gerund to help make this sentence more interesting?
- ✓ How can you change this verb to make your writing more exact?
- ✓ This sentence is written in passive voice; how can you change it to active voice?
- ✓ What verb can you use to help make a strong (interrogative, imperative, subjunctive, conditional) mood sentence?
- ✓ How can you change _____ to make it correct in Standard English?
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- edit
- verb mood
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- indicative mood
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Spanish Cognates

voz activa
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Anchor Standard

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- c. Spell correctly.

Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Understand the use of proper English conventions for a brief pause in a sentence (comma, ellipsis, and dash)
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- Understand homophones

Question Stems and Prompts:

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Academic Vocabulary

- homophone
- comma
- ellipsis
- dash
- omission
- pause

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Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Understand active and passive voice
- Understand conditional and subjunctive moods

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ What should you do to this sentence to express active voice?
- ✓ Which sentences in this paragraph are written in passive voice: which express active voice? Which sentences should you change to make all the sentences uniform?
- ✓ The mood of this sentence is conditional, how can you change some words to make it indicative?
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Academic Vocabulary

- active voice
- passive voice
- uniform
- mood
- conditional mood
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Spanish Cognates

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Anchor Standard

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

L.8.4

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.

- a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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- c. Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech or **trace the etymology of words. CA**
- d. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Understand textual clues in a sentence (similar, opposite, explanation)
- Understand Greek and Latin affix and roots are clues to meaning
- Understand how to use specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) both print and digital
- Understand context clues for word meaning

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ When you come to a word you don’t understand, you should _____?
- ✓ What is the main idea of this sentence? Does it help you understand the word?
- ✓ Do you see a word that is similar or opposite of the word you don’t understand that can help you with the meaning?
- ✓ Look at this affix, what does it mean? What does the whole word mean?
- ✓ What is the root meaning? How does that help you identify the word?
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Anchor Standard

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L.8.5

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- Interpret figures of speech (e.g., verbal irony, puns) in context.
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- Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., *bullheaded, willful, firm, persistent, resolute.*)

Essential Skills and Concepts:

- Understand figurative language (simile, metaphor personification, pun, irony)
- Understand the use of analogies (synonyms, antonyms, cause/effect, part/whole, item/category, item/use/item/place)
- Understand denotation and connotations

Question Stems and Prompts:

- ✓ Can you change this sentence and use a metaphor or a simile to help create image?
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Academic Vocabulary

- denotation
- connotation
- irony
- analogy
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- literally
- metaphor
- simile
- personification
- pun
- figurative language

Spanish Cognates

- denotación
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Anchor Standard

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L.8.6

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