



**READING:  
LITERARY AND  
INFORMATIONAL TEXT**

**\_\_ I can cite textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says and inferences it makes. (RL.8.1, RI.8.1)**

- I can recognize textual evidence.
- I can recognize inferences.
- I can analyze text to cite textual evidence that is explicitly stated.
- I can analyze text to cite textual evidence that is inferred.
- I can evaluate the strength of textual evidence.
- I can use correct MLA format for in-text citations and works cited pages.

**\_\_ I can analyze literary and informational text development. (RL/I.8.2)**  
**\_\_ I can determine the theme or central idea of a text and analyze their development, including its relationship to supporting ideas, character, setting, and plot. (RL/I.8.2)**  
**\_\_ I can objectively summarize a text and incorporate theme/story elements or central ideas and their relationships. (RL/I.8.2)**

- I can define, understand, and recognize theme, characters, setting, plot, central & supporting idea(s), and summary.
- I can trace the development/follow the progression of theme, central idea(s), and/or supporting details over the course of a text.
- I can distinguish between textual facts and opinions.

**Key Ideas and Details**

**\_\_ I can analyze how dialogue and incidents in a story or drama move the plot forward, reveal character traits, and bring about decisions. (RL.8.3)**

- I can identify incidents, character types/traits, and dialogue in a story/drama that affect plot, characterization, and/or provoke decisions.
- I can analyze the relationships between dialogue/incidents and characterization/plot.

**\_\_ I can analyze how an informational text makes connections among and distinctions between individuals, events, or ideas. (RI.8.3)**

- I can identify key individuals, events, or ideas in an informational text.
- I can identify and understand several ways (e.g., through comparisons, analogies, or categories) a text can make connections among and distinctions between individuals, events, or ideas in an informational text.

**\_\_ I can determine figurative, literal, connotative, technical, and intertextual meanings of words and phrases based on how they are used in a text and analyze their impact on meaning and tone. (RL.8.4, RI.8.4)**  
**\_\_ I can analyze the impact of diction, analogy, and allusion on meaning, mood and tone. (RL.8.4)**

- I can identify and understand words and phrases that have connotative, figurative, technical meanings and interpret intertextual diction, analogies, allusions, mood and tone.
- I can determine, interpret, clarify, or verify the figurative, literal, connotative, technical, and intertextual meanings of words and phrases by using context clues, applying knowledge of Greek/Latin affixes and roots, and/or consulting reference materials.

**\_\_ I can compare and contrast the structure of two or more texts. (RL.8.5)**

**\_\_ I can analyze how the structure of a text contributes to its meaning and style. (RL.8.5)**

- I can identify varied poetic, dramatic, and prose forms and structures, as well as varied styles.
- I can determine the meaning and style of a drama or poem.

**\_\_ I can analyze in detail the structure of a specific paragraph in a text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept. (RI.8.5)**

- I can identify the structures and types of paragraphs and sentences in a text.
- I can determine the role of particular sentences in a paragraph.
- I can identify and key concepts in an informational text and determine how they are developed.

**\_\_ I can analyze how differences in perspectives and points of view of the characters and the audience or reader (e.g., created through the use of dramatic irony) create suspense, humor, or other effects. (RL.8.6)**

- I can identify contrasting perspectives and points of view between the audience and characters.
- I can recognize diverse effects of contrasting viewpoints, such as humor and suspense.
- I can identify and understand dramatic irony.

**\_\_ I can determine an author’s perspective or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text. (RI.8.6)**

**\_\_ I can analyze how an author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints. (RI.8.6)**

- I can identify varied and conflicting perspective, evidence and purposes in a text.
- I can recognize and understand an author’s efforts to acknowledge and respond to conflicting evidence or viewpoints in an informational text.

**Craft and Structure**

**\_\_ I can analyze the extent to which a filmed or live production of a story or drama stays faithful to or departs from the text or script, evaluating the choices made by the director or actors. (RL.8.7)**

- I can identify, compare, and contrast similarities and differences between a written text or script and its filmed or live version by noting actor and director choices.
- I can evaluate the outcome/impact of choices made by directors and actors in a filmed or live version of a text or script.

**\_\_ I can evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using different mediums to present a particular topic or idea. (RI.8.7)**

- I can identify and summarize information on the same topic or issue presented in different media, formats, and texts.
- I can determine the quality of the same information when it is presented in different media, formats, and texts.
- I can analyze how medium affects the portrayal of subject matter.

**Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**

**\_\_ I can delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims made in a text and recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced. (RI.8.8)**

**\_\_ I can evaluate an argument by determining if claims are supported by sound reasoning with relevant and sufficient evidence. (RI.8.8)**

- I can define argument, warrant, claim, and counterclaim.
- I can identify an argument and claims made in a text.
- I can identify reasoning and evidence in a text.
- I can distinguish between sound and unsound reasoning, relevant and irrelevant evidence, and sufficient and insufficient evidence to evaluate claims.

**\_\_ I can analyze how a modern work of fiction alludes to themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious literary texts. (RL.8.9)**

**\_\_ I can analyze and describe how themes, patterns of events, and character types in myths, traditional stories, or religious literary texts are rendered new in modern texts. (RL.8.9)**

- I can identify and understand intertextual allusions, allusions to themes, patterns of events, and character types in myths, traditional stories, religious literary works, and modern texts.
- I can compare and contrast modern works with myths, traditional stories, or religious literary texts.

**\_\_ I can analyze a case in which two or more texts provide conflicting information on the same topic. (RI.8.9)**

**\_\_ I can identify where two or more conflicting texts disagree on matters of fact or interpretation concerning the same topic. (RI.8.9)**

- I can analyze how emphasizing different evidence or advancing different interpretations or facts can shape key ideas in informational texts.

**Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**

**\_\_ I can independently read and comprehend complex literature, literary nonfiction, and informational texts at the eighth-grade level without scaffolding. (RL.8.10, RI.8.10)**

**\_\_ I can build background knowledge and activate prior knowledge to deepen understanding through text-to-self, text-to-text, and text-to-world connections. (RL.8.10)**

- I can identify grade-level texts and texts on my reading level (i.e. Lexile level).
- I can monitor my own comprehension.