

Unit 1: Reading and Writing Process

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Ca	tholic Identity	Instructional Focus			
7.1	analyze literature that reflects the transmission of a Catholic culture and worldview.	☐ 7.1A share how literature contributes to strengthening moral character *			
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Lite	racy Routines				-
7.2	communicate ideas effectively through speaking and discussion	 ☐ 7.2A listen actively to interpret a message and ask clarifying questions that build on other's ideas ☐ 7.2B follow and give complex oral instructions to perform specific tasks, answer questions, or solve problems ☐ 7.2C present a critique of a literary work, film, or dramatic production, employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, a variety of natural gestures, and conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively ☐ 7.2D engage in meaningful discourse and provide and accept constructive feedback from others 			
Wo	rd Study	Instructional Focus			
7.3	use skills to support strategies for determining the meaning of unknown words while reading	□ 7.3A use print or digital resources to determine the meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech □ 7.3B determine the meaning and usage of grade-level academic English words derived from Greek and Latin roots such as omni, log/logue, gen, vid/vis, phil, luc and sens/sent			
Sho	red Reading	Instructional Focus			
7.4 7.5	read grade-level text with fluency and comprehension use metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts	Tools to Know: Reading Process □ 7.3C use context such as contrast or cause and effect to clarify the meaning of words □ 7.4A adjust fluency when reading grade-level text based on the reading purpose □ 7.5A establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts □ 7.5B generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information □ 7.5C make and correct or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre and structures □ 7.5D create mental images to deepen understanding □ 7.5E monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as rereading, using background knowledge, asking questions and annotating when understanding breaks down Tools to Know: Comprehension □ 7.5F make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society □ 7.5G make inferences and use evidence to support understanding □ 7.5H evaluate details read to determine key ideas □ 7.5I synthesize information to create new understanding			
		Fiction			
7.6/7	7.7 use literary elements and genre-	Poetry			
	specific characteristics,	Drama			
	structures, and purposes to analyze and comprehend texts	Informational			
		Argumentative			



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Independent Reading	Instruction	nal Focus			
7.9 read grade-appropriate texts independently	□ 7.9A □ 7.9B	self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time share beautifully told and well-crafted works *			

Res	ponding to Text	Instructional Focus	
7.10	respond to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed	Ways to Show: Response Skills ☐ 7.10A describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts ☐ 7.10B write responses that demonstrate understanding of texts, including comparing sources within and across genres ☐ 7.10C use text evidence to support an appropriate response ☐ 7.10D paraphrase and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating ☐ 7.10F respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate ☐ 7.10G discuss and write about the explicit or implicit meanings of text respond orally or in writing with appropriate register, vocabulary, tone, and voice reflect on and adjust responses as new evidence is presented	
7.8	analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning		

Writing	Instructional Focus		
7.11A plan first drafts	☐ 7.11A plan a first draft by selecting a genre appropriate for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as discussion, background reading, and personal interests		
7.11B develop drafts	develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by: □ 7.11B.1 organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, coherence within and across paragraphs, and a conclusion □ 7.11B.2 developing an engaging idea reflecting depth of thought with specific facts, details, and examples		
7.11C revise drafts	7.11C revise drafts for clarity, development, organization, style, word choice, and sentence variety		
7.11D edit drafts	edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: 7.11D.1 complete complex sentences with subject-verb agreement and avoidance of splices, run-ons, and fragments 7.11D.2 consistent, appropriate use of verb tenses and active and passive voice 7.11D.4 prepositions and prepositional phrases and their influence on subject-verb agreement 7.11D.5 pronoun-antecedent agreement 7.11D.7 correct capitalization 7.11D.8 punctuation 7.11D.9 correct spelling, including commonly confused terms such as its/it's, affect/ effect, there/their/they're, and to/two/too		
7.11E publish written work	☐ 7.11E publish written work for appropriate audiences		
7.12A use the writing process to compose literary texts			
7.12B use the writing process to compose informational texts			
7.12C use the writing process to compose argumentative texts			
7.12D compose correspondence			

Research	Instructional Focus		
7.13 use research skills to plan and			
present in written, oral, or			
multimodal formats			



Unit 2: Responding to Text/Writing Design

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Cat	holic Identity	Instructional Focus			
7.1	analyze literature that reflects the transmission of a Catholic culture and worldview.	☐ 7.1B interpret and evaluate literature in a Christian spirit * ☐ 7.1C share how literature ignites the creative imagination *			
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Lite	racy Routines	Instructional Focus			
7.2	communicate ideas effectively through speaking and discussion	 □ 7.2A listen actively to interpret a message and ask clarifying questions that build on other's ideas □ 7.2B follow and give complex oral instructions to perform specific tasks, answer questions, or solve problems □ 7.2C present a critique of a literary work, film, or dramatic production, employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, a variety of natural gestures, and conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively □ 7.2D engage in meaningful discourse and provide and accept constructive feedback from others 			
Wor	d Study	Instructional Focus			
7.3	use skills to support strategies for determining the meaning of unknown words while reading	□ 7.3A use print or digital resources to determine the meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech □ 7.3B determine the meaning and usage of grade-level academic English words derived from Greek and Latin roots such as omni, log/logue, gen, vid/vis, phil, luc and sens/sent □ 7.3C use context such as contrast or cause and effect to clarify the meaning of words.			
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Sna	red Reading	Instructional Focus Tools to Known Booding Process			
7.4 7.5	read grade-level text with fluency and comprehension use metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts	Tools to Know: Reading Process □ 7.3C use context such as contrast or cause and effect to clarify the meaning of words adjust fluency when reading grade-level text based on the reading purpose establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information □ 7.5C make and correct or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre and structures □ 7.5D create mental images to deepen understanding □ 7.5E monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as rereading, using background knowledge, asking questions and annotating when understanding breaks down			
		Tools to Know: Comprehension ☐ 7.5F make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society ☐ 7.5G make inferences and use evidence to support understanding ☐ 7.5H evaluate details read to determine key ideas ☐ 7.5I synthesize information to create new understanding			
7.6/7	.7	Fiction ☐ 7.6A demonstrate knowledge of literary genres such as realistic fiction, adventure stories, historical fiction, mysteries, humor, myths, fantasy, and science fiction analyze plot elements, including the use of foreshadowing and suspense, to advance the plot			
	use literary elements and genrespecific characteristics,	Poetry			
	structures, and purposes to analyze and comprehend texts	Drama			
	analyze and comprehend texts	Informational ☐ 7.6D analyze characteristics and structural elements of informational text, including features such references or acknowledgements			
		Argumentative			
Inde	ependent Reading	Instructional Focus			
7.9	read grade-appropriate texts independently	maintain previously learned skills (self-select texts, read independently, and share beautifully told and well-crafted works *			



Unit 2: Responding to Text/Writing Design

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Resp	onding to Text		Instructional Focus			
7.10	respond to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed	1 7.10B write respon sources with use text evid paraphrase a interact with or illustrating 7.10F respond usin 1 7.10G discuss and v 7.10H respond oral 7.10I reflect on an	sonal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts ses that demonstrate understanding of texts, including comparing in and across genres ence to support an appropriate response and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting,			
7.0	and how they influence and	1 7.8C analyze how	the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose			
	communicate meaning	1 7.8D analyze the a	uthor's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes			
Writi	ng	nstructional Focus				
7.11A	plan first drafts	audience usi personal inte				
7.11B	develop drafts	7.11B.1 organizing w coherence w	ts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by: ith purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, ithin and across paragraphs, and a conclusion n engaging idea reflecting depth of thought with specific facts, details,			
7.11C	revise drafts	<u>'</u>	for clarity, development, organization, style, word choice, and sentence			
7.11D	edit drafts	7.11D.1 complete corun-ons, and 7.11D.2 consistent, a prepositions agreement 7.11D.5 pronoun-ant 7.11D.7 correct capit 7.11D.8 punctuation 7.11D.9 correct spelli	ppropriate use of verb tenses and active and passive voice and prepositional phrases and their influence on subject-verb ecedent agreement			
7.11E	publish written work	7.11E publish write	en work for appropriate audiences			
7.12A	use the writing process to compose literary texts	7.12A compose lite characteristic	rary texts such as personal narratives, fiction and poetry using genre			
7.12B	use the writing process to compose informational texts		rmational texts including multi-paragraph essays that convey bout a topic, using a clear controlling idea or thesis statement and genre s and craft			
	use the writing process to compose argumentative texts					
7.12D	compose correspondence					

Research	Instructional Focus		
7.13 use research skills to plan and			
present in written, oral, or			
multimodal formats			



Unit 3: Exploring Literary Texts

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Cat	holic Identity	Instructional Focus	1	2	3
7.1	analyze literature that reflects the transmission of a Catholic culture and worldview.	7.1C share how literature ignites the creative imagination * recognize and model the virtues possessed by literary characters *			
Lite	racy Routines	Instructional Focus			
7.2	communicate ideas effectively through speaking and discussion	 □ 7.2A listen actively to interpret a message and ask clarifying questions that build on other's ideas □ 7.2B follow and give complex oral instructions to perform specific tasks, answer questions, or solve problems □ 7.2C present a critique of a literary work, film, or dramatic production, employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, a variety of natural gestures, and conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively □ 7.2D engage in meaningful discourse and provide and accept constructive feedback from others 			
Woı	d Study	Instructional Focus			
7.3	use skills to support strategies for determining the meaning of unknown words while reading	 □ 7.3A use print or digital resources to determine the meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech □ 7.3B determine the meaning and usage of grade-level academic English words derived from Greek and Latin roots such as omni, log/logue, gen, vid/vis, phil, luc, and sense/sent □ 7.3C use context such as contrast or cause and effect to clarify the meaning of words 			
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Sha	red Reading	Instructional Focus			
7.4	read grade-level text with fluency and comprehension	Tools to Know: Reading Process ☐ maintain previously learned skills (reading at a rate to increase comprehension, accuracy, and inflection and emphasis)			
7.5	use metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts	Tools to Know: Comprehension ☐ maintain previously learned skills (make connections, make inferences, evaluate details, synthesize information)			
7.6/7	.7 use literary elements and genre- specific characteristics,	Fiction 7.6A demonstrate knowledge of literary genres such as realistic fiction, adventure stories, historical fiction, mysteries, humor, myths, fantasy, and science fiction infer multiple themes within and across texts using text evidence 7.7B analyze plot elements including the use of foreshadowing and suspense, to advance the plot 7.7C analyze how characters' qualities influence events and resolution of the conflict analyze how the setting influences the character and plot development summarize how literature helps us better understand ourselves, cultures and times			
	structures, and purposes to analyze and comprehend texts	Poetry ☐ 7.6B analyze the effect of rhyme scheme, meter, and graphical elements such as punctuation and capitalization in poems across a variety of poetic forms			
		Drama ☐ 7.6C analyze how playwrights develop characters through dialogue and staging			
		Informational			
		Argumentative			
Ind	ependent Reading	Instructional Focus			
7.9	read grade-appropriate texts independently	maintain previously learned skills (self-select texts, read independently, and share beautifully told and well-crafted works *			



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Resp	oonding to Text	Instructional Focus			
7.10	respond to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed	Ways to Show: Response Skills ☐ maintain previously learned skills (personal connections, responses that demonstrate understanding of texts, use of text evidence, summarize, use acquired vocabulary			
7.8	analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning	 □ 7.8A explain the author's purpose and message within a text □ 7.8B identify and analyze the use of literary devices, including subjective and objective point of view □ 7.8C analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose □ 7.8D analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes □ 7.8E describe how the author's use of figurative language such as metaphor and personification achieves specific purposes □ 7.8F analyze how the author's use of language contributes to mood, voice, and tone explain the purpose of rhetorical devices such as direct address and rhetorical Questions and logical fallacies such as loaded language and sweeping generalizations explain how Christian and Western symbols and symbolism communicate the battle between good and evil * 			

Writing	Instructional Focus	
7.11A plan first drafts	☐ 7.11A plan a first draft by selecting a genre appropriate for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as discussion, background reading, and personal interests	
7.11B develop drafts	develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by: □ 7.11B.1 organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, coherence within and across paragraphs, and a conclusion □ 7.11B.2 developing an engaging idea reflecting depth of thought with specific facts, details, and examples	
7.11C revise drafts	7.11C revise drafts for clarity, development, organization, style, word choice, and sentence variety	
7.11D edit drafts	edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: 7.11D.1 complete complex sentences with subject-verb agreement and avoidance of splices, run-ons, and fragments 7.11D.2 consistent, appropriate use of verb tenses and active and passive voice 7.11D.4 prepositions and prepositional phrases and their influence on subject-verb agreement 7.11D.5 pronoun-antecedent agreement 7.11D.7 correct capitalization 7.11D.8 punctuation 7.11D.9 correct spelling, including commonly confused terms such as its/it's, affect/ effect, there/their/they're, and to/two/too	
7.11E publish written work	☐ 7.11E publish written work for appropriate audiences	
7.12A use the writing process to compose literary texts	 □ 7.12A.1 compose personal narratives using genre characteristics and craft □ 7.12A.2 compose fiction using genre characteristics and craft □ 7.12A.3 compose poetry using genre characteristics and craft 	
7.12B use the writing process to compose informational texts		
7.12C use the writing process to compose argumentative texts		
7.12D compose correspondence		

Research	Instructional Focus		
7.13 use research skills to plan and			
present in written, oral, or			
multimodal formats			



Unit 4: Exploring Informational Texts

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Cat	holic Identity	Instructional Focus	Δ.		3
7.1	analyze literature that reflects the transmission of a Catholic culture and worldview.	☐ 7.1B interpret and evaluate literature in a Christian spirit *			
Lita	racy Routines	Instructional Focus			
7.2	communicate ideas effectively through speaking and discussion	maintain previously learned oral communication skills			
Wor	d Study	Instructional Focus			
7.3	use skills to support strategies for determining the meaning of unknown words while reading	maintain and apply previously learned skills (context, Greek and Latin roots, print or digital resources)			
Sha	red Reading	Instructional Focus			
7.4	read grade-level text with fluency and comprehension	Tools to Know: Reading Process ☐ maintain previously learned skills (establish purpose, generate questions, make predictions, create mental images, monitor comprehension)			
7.5	use metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts	Tools to Know: Comprehension ☐ maintain previously learned skills (make connections, make inferences, evaluate details, synthesize information)			
		Fiction			
		Poetry			
		Drama			
7.6/7.7 use literary elements and genrespecific characteristics, structures, and purposes to analyze and comprehend texts		Informational ☐ 7.6D analyze characteristics and structural elements of informational text, including features such as references or acknowledgements ☐ 7.6D.1 analyze the controlling idea or thesis with supporting evidence ☐ 7.6D.2 analyze organizational patterns that support multiple topics, categories, and subcategories			
		Argumentative ☐ 7.6E analyze characteristics and structures of argumentative text ☐ 7.6E.1 identify the claim ☐ 7.6E.2 identify the intended audience or reader ☐ 7.7D explain how the author uses various types evidence and consideration of alternatives to support the argument ☐ 7.7E identify how literature develops the faculty of personal judgement analyze how literature assists in the ability to make judgements about what is true and what is false and to make choices based on these judgements			
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7.9	ependent Reading read grade-appropriate texts	Instructional Focus ☐ maintain previously learned skills (self-select texts, read independently, and share beautifully			
7.5	independently	told and well-crafted works *)			
	ponding to Text	Instructional Focus			
7.10	respond to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed	Ways to Show: Response Skills ☐ maintain previously learned skills (personal connections, responses that demonstrate understanding of texts, use of text evidence, summarize, use acquired vocabulary)			
7.8	analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning	 □ 7.8A explain the author's purpose and message within a text □ 7.8B identify the use of literary devices, including subjective and objective point of view □ 7.8C analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose □ 7.8D analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes □ 7.8E describe how the author's use of figurative language such as metaphor and Personification achieves specific purposes □ 7.8F analyze how the author's use of language contributes to mood, voice, and tone explain the purpose of rhetorical devices such as direct address and rhetorical 			

questions and logical fallacies such as loaded language and sweeping generalizations



Unit 4: Exploring Informational Texts

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Writing	Instructional Focus			
7.11A plan first drafts	 7.11A plan a first draft by selecting a genre appropriate for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as discussion, background reading, and personal interests 			
7.11B develop drafts	 develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by: 7.11B.1 organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, coherence within and across paragraphs, and a conclusion 			
	☐ 7.11B.2 developing an engaging idea reflecting depth of thought with specific facts, details, and examples			
7.11C revise drafts	7.11C revise drafts for clarity, development, organization, style, word choice, and sentence variety			
	edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: □ 7.11D.1 complete complex sentences with subject-verb agreement and avoidance of splices, run-ons, and fragments			
7.11D edit drafts	 ☐ 7.11D.2 consistent, appropriate use of verb tenses and active and passive voice ☐ 7.11D.4 prepositions and prepositional phrases and their influence on subject-verb agreement 			
7.11D edit draits	☐ 7.11D.5 pronoun-antecedent agreement			
	☐ 7.11D.7 correct capitalization			
	□ 7.11D.8 punctuation			
	☐ 7.11D.9 correct spelling, including commonly confused terms such as its/it's, affect/ effect, there/their/they're, and to/two/too			
7.11E publish written work	□ 7.11E publish written work for appropriate audiences			
7.12A use the writing process to compose literary texts				
7.12B use the writing process to	7.12B compose informational texts, including multi-paragraph essays that convey			
compose informational texts	information about a topic, using a clear controlling idea or thesis statement and genre characteristics and craft			
7.12C use the writing process to compose argumentative texts	7.12C compose multi-paragraph argumentative texts using genre characteristics and craft			
7.12D compose correspondence	☐ 7.12D compose correspondence that reflects an opinion, registers a complaint, or requests information in a business or friendly structure			

Research	Instructional Focus
	□ 7.13A generate student-selected and teacher-guided questions for formal and informal
	inquiry
	□ 7.13B develop and revise a plan
	□ 7.13C refine the major research question, if necessary, guided by the answers to a
	secondary set of questions
	□ 7.13D identify and gather relevant information from a variety of sources
7.13 use research skills to plan and	□ 7.13E differentiate between primary and secondary sources
present in written, oral, or	□ 7.13F synthesize information from a variety of sources
multimodal formats	□ 7.13G differentiate between paraphrasing and plagiarism when using source materials
	□ 7.13H examine sources for
	□ 7.13H.1 reliability, credibility, and bias
	☐ 7.13H.2 faulty reasoning such as hyperbole, emotional appeals, and stereotype
	□ 7.13I display academic citations and use source materials ethically
	□ 8.13J use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multimodal, to
	present results



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Reading and Writing – Grade 8 (all standards)

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Catholic Identity		Instruction	onal Focus			
7.1	analyze literature that reflects the transmission of a Catholic culture and worldview.	☐ 7.1A ☐ 7.1B ☐ 7.1C ☐ 7.1D	share how literature contributes to strengthening moral character * interpret and evaluate literature in a Christian spirit * share how literature ignites the creative imagination * recognize and model the virtues possessed by literary characters *			

Literacy Routines	Instructional Focus	
7.2 communicate ideas effectively through speaking and discussion	 □ 7.2A listen actively to interpret a message and ask clarifying questions that build on other's ideas □ 7.2B follow and give complex oral instructions to perform specific tasks, answer questions, or solve problems □ 7.2C present a critique of a literary work, film, or dramatic production, employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, a variety of natural gestures, and conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively □ 7.2D engage in meaningful discourse and provide and accept constructive feedback from others 	
Word Study	Instructional Focus	
7.3 use skills to support strategies for determining the meaning of unknown words while reading	 □ 7.3A use print or digital resources to determine the meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech □ 7.3B determine the meaning and usage of grade-level academic English words derived from Greek and Latin roots such as omni, log/logue, gen, vid/vis, phil, luc, and sens/sent □ 7.3C use context such as contrast or cause and effect to clarify the meaning of words 	

Shared Reading	Instructional Focus	
 7.4 read grade-level text with fluency and comprehension 7.5 use metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts 	Tools to Know: Reading Process □ 7.3C use context such as contrast or cause and effect to clarify the meaning of words □ 7.4A adjust fluency when reading grade-level text based on the reading purpose □ 7.5A establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts □ 7.5B generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information □ 7.5C make and correct or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures □ 7.5D create mental images to deepen understanding □ 7.5E monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as rereading, using background knowledge, asking questions and annotating when understanding breaks down	
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7.6/7.7 use literary elements and genrespecific characteristics, structures, and purposes to	Fiction ☐ 7.6A demonstrate knowledge of literary genres such as realistic fiction, adventure stories, historical fiction, mysteries, humor, myths, fantasy, and science fiction ☐ 7.7A infer multiple themes within and across texts using text evidence ☐ 7.7B analyze plot elements, including the use of foreshadowing and suspense, to advance the plot ☐ 7.7C analyze how characters' qualities influence events and resolution of the conflict ☐ 7.7D analyze how the setting influences character and plot development ☐ 7.7E summarize how literature helps us better understand ourselves, cultures and times explain the author's purpose and message within a text Poetry ☐ 7.6B analyze the effect of rhyme scheme, meter, and graphical elements such as	
analyze and comprehend texts	punctuation and capitalization in poems across a variety of poetic forms Drama	



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		Argumenta	tive			
		□ 7.6E	recognize characteristics and structures of argumentative text by			
		□ 7.6E.1	identifying the claim			
		□ 7.6E.2	identify the intended audience or reader			
		□ 7.7D	explain how the author uses various types of evidence and consideration of			
			alternatives to support the argument			
		□ 7.7E	identify how literature develops the faculty of personal judgement			
		□ 7.7F	analyze how literature assists in the ability to make judgements about what is true			
			And what is false and to make choices based on these judgements			
Ind	ependent Reading	Instruction	onal Focus			
7.9	read grade-appropriate texts	□ 7.9A	self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time			
	independently	□ 7.9B	share beautifully told and well-crafted works *			
Res	sponding to Text		Instructional Focus			

Responding to Text	Instructional Focus	
7.10 respond to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed	Ways to Show: Response Skills ☐ 7.10A describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts ☐ 7.10B write responses that demonstrate understanding of texts, including comparing sources within and across genres ☐ 7.10C use text evidence to support an appropriate response ☐ 7.10D paraphrase and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting or illustrating	
7.8 analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning	 □ 7.8A explain the author's purpose and message within a text □ 7.8B identify the use of literary devices, including subjective and objective point of view analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose □ 7.8D analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes □ 7.8E describe how the author's use of figurative language such as metaphor and personification achieves specific purposes □ 7.8F analyze how the author's use of language contributes to mood, voice, and tone explain the purpose of rhetorical devices such as direct address and rhetorical questions and logical fallacies such as loaded language and sweeping generalizations explain how Christian and Western symbols and symbolism communicate the battle between good and evil * 	



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Reading and Writing – Grade 8 (all standards)

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Writing	Instructional Focus			
7.11A plan first drafts	☐ 7.11A plan a first draft by selecting a genre appropriate for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as discussion, background reading, and personal interests			
7.11B develop drafts	develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by: □ 7.11B.1 organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, coherence within and across paragraphs, and a conclusion □ 7.11B.2 developing an engaging idea reflecting depth of thought with specific facts, details, and examples			
7.11C revise drafts	7.11C revise drafts for clarity, development, organization, style, word choice, and sentence variety			
7.11D edit drafts	edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: complete complex sentences with subject-verb agreement and avoidance of splices, run-ons, and fragments 7.11D.2 consistent, appropriate use of verb tenses and active and passive voice 7.11D.3 conjunctive adverbs 7.11D.4 prepositions and prepositional phrases and their influence on subject-verb agreement 7.11D.5 pronoun-antecedent agreement 7.11D.6 subordinating conjunctions to form complex sentences and correlative conjunctions such as either/or and neither/nor 7.11D.7 correct capitalization 7.11D.8 punctuation 7.11D.9 correct spelling, including commonly confused terms such as its/it's, affect/ effect, there/their/they're, and to/two/too			
7.11E publish written work	□ 7.11E publish written work for appropriate audiences			
7.12A use the writing process to compose literary texts	 □ 7.12A.1 compose personal narratives using genre characteristics and craft □ 7.12A.2 compose fiction using genre characteristics and craft □ 7.12.3 compose poetry using genre characteristics and craft 			
7.12B use the writing process to compose informational texts	☐ 7.12B compose multi-paragraph informational texts that convey information about a topic using a clear controlling idea or thesis statement and genre characteristics and craft			
7.12C use the writing process to compose argumentative texts	□ 7.12C compose multi-paragraph argumentative texts using genre characteristics and craft			
8.12D compose correspondence	7.12D compose correspondence that reflects an opinion, registers a complaint, or requests information in a business or friendly structure			

Research	Instructional Focus		
	☐ 7.13A generate student-selected and teacher-guided questions for formal and informal inquiry		
	☐ 7.13B develop and revise a plan		
	☐ 7.13C refine the major research question, if necessary, guided by the answers to a secondary set of questions		
	☐ 7.13D identify and gather relevant information from a variety of sources		
7.13 use research skills to plan and	☐ 7.13E differentiate between primary and secondary sources		
present in written, oral, or	☐ 7.13F synthesize information from a variety of sources		
multimodal formats	☐ 7.13G differentiate between paraphrasing and plagiarism when using source materials		
	☐ 7.13H examine sources for		
	☐ 7.13H.1 reliability, credibility, and bias		
	☐ 7.13H.2 faulty reasoning such as hyperbole, emotional appeals, and stereotype		
	☐ 7.13I display academic citations and use source materials ethically		
	use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multimodal, to present results		