



**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 determine the theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development, showing relationship of characters, setting, and plot to theme and/or the relationship of supporting ideas to central ideas. (RL.8.2, RI.8.2)**

- \_\_ I can objectively summarize a text.**
  - I can define, understand, and identify theme, characters, setting, plot, central idea, supporting idea, and summary.
  - I can trace the progression of theme, central ideas, and supporting ideas over the course of a text.
  - I can distinguish between textual facts and opinions.

**\_\_ 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 text that affect plot, characterization, and/or 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.

**Key Ideas and Details**

**\_\_ I can determine figurative, literal, connotative, technical, and intertextual meanings of words and phrases based on how they are used in a text. (RL.8.4, RI.8.4)**

**\_\_ I can analyze the impact of diction, analogy, and allusion on meaning and tone.**

- I can identify words and phrases that have connotative, figurative, technical, and intertextual meaning used in a text.
- I can identify tone in a text.
- I can identify and interpret intertextual diction, analogies, and allusions.
- 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, RI.8.5)**

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

**\_\_ 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.**

- I can identify varied poetic, dramatic, and prose forms and structures.
- I can identify the meaning, key concepts, and style of a text.
- 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 determine how key concepts are developed in an informational text. (RI only)

**\_\_ I can analyze how differences in 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 points of view of the characters in a text and the audience/reader of a text.
- 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 point of view 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.**

- I can identify varied and conflicting points of view, 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.**

- I can define argument and claim.
- I can identify an argument and claims made in a text.
- I can identify reasons 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 draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious works. (RL.8.9)**

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

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

**\_\_ 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.**

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