



Text Types and Purposes

Standard Code	Standard	Top Score Writing Lessons
ELA.9.20	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.	Lessons 47-73
	Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.	Lessons 51-52, 57
	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.	Lessons 53-56, 58-62, 64-67
	Use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.	Lesson 57
	Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline.	Lessons 47-73
	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.	Lessons 63, 68
ELA.9.21	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.	Lessons 21-46
	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.	Lessons 25-26, 30
	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.	Lesson 27-29, 31-35, 37-38

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	• Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.	Lessons 30, 41
	• Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.	Lessons 21-46
	• Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline.	Lessons 21-46
	• Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.	Lessons 36, 39-40
ELA.9.22	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.	N/A
	• Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create a smooth progression of experiences or events.	N/A
	• Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.	N/A
	• Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.	N/A
	• Use precise words and phrases, effective details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.	N/A
	• Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.	N/A

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Production and Distribution

Standard Code	Standard	Top Score Writing Lessons
ELA.9.23	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	Lessons 1-100
ELA.9.24	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, rewriting, trying a new approach, or editing to demonstrate command of all Language standards up to and including Grade 9, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.	Lessons 2-4, 19, 23-24, 43, 45-46, 49-50, 70, 72-73
ELA.9.25	Use technology to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.	Teacher-directed

Research to Build and Present Knowledge

Standard Code	Standard	Top Score Writing Lessons
ELA.9.26	Conduct short, as well as more sustained, research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.	Passage sets

Range of Writing

Standard Code	Standard	Top Score Writing Lessons
ELA.9.29	Write routinely over extended time frames for research, reflection, and/or revision and shorter time frames for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.	Lessons 1-100