

Grade 8 Writing Standards



ALABAMA

WRITING

Standard Code	Standard	Top Score Writing Lessons
Std. 8	Produce clear, coherent narrative, argument, and informative/explanatory writing in which the development, organization, style, and tone are relevant to task, purpose, and audience, using an appropriate command of language.	21-98
Std. 8a	Write narratives that establish a clear purpose, use narrative techniques, and sequence events coherently.	77-98
Std. 8b	Write informative or explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas or processes effectively, by developing the topic with relevant information or data from credible sources and using appropriate transitions and precise vocabulary.	21-47
Std. 8c	Write an argument to defend a position by introducing and supporting a claim, distinguishing the claim from opposing claims, presenting counterclaims and reasons, and citing accurate, relevant textual evidence from credible sources.	48-76
Std. 20	Produce writing that shows a command of standard English grammar, usage, and mechanics.	Grammar: Days 1-107
Std. 20a	Construct verbals (gerunds, participles, and infinitives) in pieces of writing, including isolated sentences, paragraphs, and essays.	Grammar: Days 47-51
Std. 20b	Compose writing using verbs in active and passive voice to establish mood.	Grammar: Days 99-103
Std. 20c	Revise their own writing for correct mechanics with a focus on commas, apostrophes, quotation marks, colons, and semicolons.	Grammar: Days 1-5, 71-80
Std. 20d	Construct simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.	Grammar: Days 38-45
Std. 20e	Form and use verbs in context in the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive moods.	Grammar: Days 52-56
Std. 20f	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb tense.	—