

Grade 8 Writing Standards



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STYLE

Standard Code	Standard	Top Score Writing Lessons
8.W.1.S	Compose an argument, using clear reasons and supporting evidence. (Introduce claims supported by credible sources; distinguish alternate/opposing claims; maintain cohesive structure.)	48-76
8.W.2.S	Write to inform about a topic. (Introduce topic w/ clear preview; organize using broad categories; well-chosen facts/definitions/details/quotations/examples; maintain cohesive structure.)	21-47
8.W.3.S	Write to express real or imagined experiences/events. (Develop topic/context/narrative elements/point of view; well-chosen descriptive/sensory/precise language; well-structured event sequences; narrative techniques — dialogue, pacing, sensory language, description.)	77-98

Production

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8.W.4.P	Construct clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.	1-98
8.W.5.P	Organize writing logically, composing an introduction, body, conclusion, and/or reflection when appropriate.	1-98
8.W.6.P	Use a variety of sentence types effectively.	Grammar: Days 38-46
8.W.7.P	Choose precise words, phrases, and clauses to clarify relationships among ideas, claims, counterclaims, reasons, and/or evidence.	1-98
8.W.8.P	Choose a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses effectively to connect ideas.	16, 42, 83
8.W.9.P	Develop writing stamina during single sessions and over extended periods of time.	1-98
8.W.10.P	Increase independent writing with support and collaboration from peers and adults, employing the stages of the writing process (e.g., draft, revise, edit) with a focus on purpose and audience.	19, 45-46, 74-75, 87, 89-90
8.W.11.P	Include headings, graphics, and various multimedia to support ideas and information.	—
8.W.12.P	Maintain formal style when appropriate, editing writing to include grade-appropriate conventions for publishing.	19, 43, 45-46, 72, 74-75, 87, 89-90

Research

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8.W.13.R	Conduct research to explore a topic, describe an idea, and/or answer a question, refocusing the inquiry to generate further questions or to allow for multiple avenues of exploration.	—
8.W.14.R	Assess the credibility and accuracy of sources.	—
8.W.15.R	Avoid plagiarism when quoting or paraphrasing data and conclusions, crediting sources and/or authors.	28-29, 32-34, 55-56, 60-62
8.W.16.R	Follow a standard format for citation, including a works cited/references.	—