

Grade 8 Writing Standards



INDIANA

Writing

Standard Code	Standard	Top Score Writing Lessons
8.W.1	Write arguments: claim, counterclaims, logical reasoning/evidence, credible sources, consistent style/tone, transitions, conclusion	49-79
8.W.2	Write informative compositions: clear topic intro, developed with relevant facts/examples, transitions, formatting/graphics when useful, precise vocabulary, conclusion	22-48
8.W.3	Write narrative compositions: context/perspective, event sequence with varied transitions, dialogue/pacing/description, sensory language, reflective ending	80-101
8.W.4	Apply the writing process with peer/adult support; use technology to interact/collaborate/publish	1-101 (technology collaboration not addressed)
8.W.5	Conduct research: formulate questions, gather info from multiple credible sources, assess reliability/relevance, quote/paraphrase, avoid plagiarism, cite sources, present findings in varied formats	29-37, 56-64, 94-100 (quote/paraphrase only; rest not addressed)
8.W.6	Grammar/usage: verb voice and mood; simple/compound/complex/compound-complex sentences, fragments/run-ons, sentence-pattern variety, subordination/coordination	Grammar: Days 30-38, 81-89
8.W.7	Conventions: punctuation to indicate a pause or break; ellipsis for omissions	Grammar: Days 1-4, 30-32