

Grade 8 Writing Standards



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TEXT TYPES AND PURPOSES

Standard Code	Standard	Top Score Writing Lessons
W.8.1	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.	48-76
W.8.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.	21-47
W.8.3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.	77-98

Production and Distribution of Writing

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W.8.4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	1-98
W.8.5	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.	19,45-46,74-75,87,89-90
W.8.6	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.	—

Research to Build and Present Knowledge

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W.8.7	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.	—
W.8.8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.	—
W.8.9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.	28-29,32-36,55-56,60-64,91-97

Range of Writing

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W.8.10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.	1-98