

Grade 8 Writing Standards



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Text Types and Protocol

Standard Code	Standard	Top Score Writing Lessons
8.W.TTP.1	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence. a. Introduce claim(s). b. Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant, sufficient evidence; acknowledge and refute alternate or opposing claim(s). c. Organize the reasons and evidence clearly and clarify the relationships among claim(s) and reasons. d. Use credible sources and demonstrate an understanding of the topic or source material. e. Craft an effective and relevant conclusion that supports the argument presented. f. Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary. g. Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts. h. Use varied sentence structure to enhance meaning and reader interest. i. Establish and maintain a formal style.	48-76
8.W.TTP.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content. a. Introduce a topic clearly, using the introduction to prepare the reader for what is to follow. b. Synthesize and organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories using effective strategies to create cohesion and aid in comprehension. c. Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples. d. Thoroughly and accurately explain and elaborate on the evidence provided, demonstrating a clear understanding of the topic and the source material. e. Craft an effective and relevant conclusion. f. Include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when appropriate. g. Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts. h. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary. i. Use varied sentence structure to enhance meaning and reader interest. j. Establish and maintain a formal style.	21-47

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8.W.TTP.3	Write narratives (fiction and nonfiction) to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences. a. Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or participants/characters. b. Organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically. c. Create a smooth progression of experiences or events. d. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection when appropriate, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters. e. Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts, and show the relationships among experiences and events. f. Craft an effective and relevant conclusion that reflects on the narrated experiences or events. g. Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.	77-98

Production and Distribution of Writing

Standard Code	Standard	Top Score Writing Lessons
8.W.PDW.4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)	1-98
8.W.PDW.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. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Foundational Literacy standard 6 and Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.)	19, 45-46, 74-75, 87
8.W.PDW.6	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to collaborate with others; present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently; type a complete product in a single sitting as defined in W.1-3.	—

Research to Build and Present Knowledge

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8.W.RBPK.7	Conduct research to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on multiple sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.	—
8.W.RBPK.8	Use search terms effectively; integrate relevant and credible information from print and digital sources; quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.	—
8.W.RBPK.9	Support interpretations, analyses, reflections, or research with evidence found in literature or informational texts, applying grade 8 standards for reading; assess whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims and recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced.	32-36, 60-64

Range of Writing

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8.W.RW.10	Write routinely over extended time frames and shorter time frames for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.	1-98