

Grade 8 Reading Curriculum

Concepts of Print, Decoding, Vocabulary

Analyze idioms, analogies, metaphors, and similes to infer the literal and figurative meanings of phrases.

Use common word origins to determine the historical evolution of English words.

Use word meanings within the appropriate context and show ability to verify those meanings by definition, restatement, example, comparison, or contrast.

Expository Text

Compare and contrast the features and elements of consumer materials such as warranties, contracts, product information, and instructional manuals.

Analyze text that uses proposition and support.

Literary Text

Determine and articulate the relationship between the purposes and characteristics of different forms of poetry.

Evaluate the structural elements of the plot, the plot's development, and the way in which conflicts are (or are not) addressed and resolved.

Strategies for Comprehension

Find similarities and differences between texts in the treatment, scope, or organization of ideas.

Compare the original text to a summary for accuracy.

Understand and explain the use of a complex mechanical device by following technical directions.

Use information from a variety of documents to explain a situation and/or to solve a problem.

Evaluate the unity, coherence, logic, internal consistency, and structural patterns of text.

Compare and contrast motivations and reactions of literary characters from different historical eras confronting similar situations or conflicts.

Analyze the relevance of the setting to the mood, tone, and meaning of the text.

Identify and analyze recurring themes across traditional and contemporary works.

Identify significant literary devices such as metaphor, symbolism, dialect, and irony that define a writer's style and use those elements to interpret the work.

Analyze a work of literature, showing how it reflects the heritage, traditions, attitudes, and beliefs of its author.