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Arkansas Curriculum Frameworks

Language Arts

Grade: 8 - Adopted: 2016

STRAND / TOPIC	AR.RL.8.	Grade 8 Reading Standards for Literature
CONTENT STANDARD		Keyldeas and Details
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	RL.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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		The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	RL.8.2.	Examine a grade-appropriate literary text. Provide an objective summary. Determine a theme of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot.
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STRAND / TOPIC	AR.RL.8.	Grade 8 Reading Standards for Literature
CONTENT STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	RL.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and/or tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts when applicable. BookTaco Chapter Notes One page chapter notes organizer helps students organize characters and events for each chapter read. Compare & Contrast Characters Template and word bank for the analysis of two characters' similarities and differences. Definition Matching Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement. Draw It! Fun activity where students get to express their creativity by drawing their favorite parts of books and providing description. Plot Diagram Students organize the elements of a narrative text by identifying the exposition, rising action, the climax, the main events of the falling action and the resolution. Point Of View! Assess the level of a student's thinking about the reading and their ability to support conclusions with text-based evidence. Retell The Story Practice summarizing and retelling the story (writing or pictures) by challenging students to identify main ideas, themes, and key details. Sentence Completion Matching exercise challenges the understanding of the appropriate contextual usage of the words. Story Mapping The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story. Word Introduction Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage. Word Jumble Active and fun learning medium promoting language acquisition through contextual and visual experience.
STRAND / TOPIC CONTENT	AR.RL.8.	Grade 8 Reading Standards for Literature Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD		
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of Grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. <u>BookTaco</u> Book Notes Opportunity for students to submit their thoughts, feelings, insight and observations on a book. Once submitted, Book Notes is marked completed and game coins earned with the notes appearing in the teacher's Reports page

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STRAND / TOPIC CONTENT	AR.RI.8.	Grade 8 Reading Standards for Informational Text Key Ideas and Details
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PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. BookTaco Book Notes Opportunity for students to submit their thoughts, feelings, insight and observations on a book. Once submitted, Book Notes is marked completed and game coins earned with the notes appearing in the teacher's Reports page ready for review and assessment. Book Quiz Multiple choice based comprehension questions allowing teachers to customize test settings including passing score, number of attempts, and day of the week. Quiz questions are shuffled and randomized to maintain testing integrity. Book Review Book Taco survey questions about how the student experienced the book and their overall rating of the characters, plot, and appeal. Book Talk Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice. Nonfiction 3-2-1 Fun Nonfiction graphic organizer helps students organize their understanding of a book or text. Nonfiction Book Report Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension. Paragraph Writing Prompts Students can view and select from a variety of different writing prompts. Once their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading.
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	RI.8.2.	Examine a grade-appropriate informational text. Provide an objective summary of the text. Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas.

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STRAND / TOPIC	AR.RI.8.	Grade 8 Reading Standards for Informational Text
CONTENT STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts when applicable.
		<u>BookTaco</u> Nonfiction Book Report Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension. Sample Unscramble Sentence These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary,
		sentence structure, and grammar.
STRAND / TOPIC	AR.W.8.	Grade 8 Writing Standards
CONTENT STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	W.8.7.	Conduct short or more sustained 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. <u>BookTaco</u> Book Notes
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PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively. Assess the credibility and accuracy of each source. Quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism. Follow a standard format for citation.
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STRAND / TOPIC	AR.W.8.	Grade 8 Writing Standards
CONTENT STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	W.8.9.	Draw evidence from literary and/or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.9.A.	Apply Grade 8 Reading standards to literature. <u>BookTaco</u> Draw It! Fun activity where students get to express their creativity by drawing their favorite parts of books and providing description. Nonfiction Book Report Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension. Paragraph Writing Prompts

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STRAND / TOPIC	AR.W.8.	Grade 8 Writing Standards
CONTENT STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames, time for: research; reflection; revision and shorter time frames (e.g., a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
		BookTaco
		Paragraph Writing Prompts Students can view and select from a variety of different writing prompts. Once
		their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading.
STRAND / TOPIC	AR.SL.8.	Grade 8 Speaking and Listening Standards
CONTENT STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions: one-on-one; in
EXPECTATION		groups; teacher-led with diverse partners on Grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
BENCHMARK /	SL.8.1.A.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study;
PROFICIENCY		explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
		BookTaco
		Book Talk Student generated video response where students record and capture their
		true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public
		speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice.
		Nonfiction Text Features Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and
		discuss the impact and significance of each.
BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.B.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.C.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
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		speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice.
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BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.D.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
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STRAND / TOPIC	AR.SL.8.	Grade 8 Speaking and Listening Standards
CONTENT STANDARD	ARTOLIO	Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	SL.8.2.	Analyze the purpose of information that is gained by means other than reading (e.g., texts read aloud; oral presentations of charts, graphs, diagrams; speeches) and evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commercial, political) behind its presentation. <u>BookTaco</u> Nonfiction Text Features
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STRAND / TOPIC	AR.SL.8.	Grade 8 Speaking and Listening Standards
CONTENT STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing the most important points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. <u>BookTaco</u> Book Talk
		Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice. Definition Matching Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with
		pronunciation reinforcement. Hear It Say It Write It Word pronunciation with student modeling along with word writing in print or cursive.
		Sample Unscramble Sentence These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar. Word Introduction
		Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage. Word Jumble Active and fun learning medium promoting language acquisition through contextual and visual experience.
		Word Ladder Interactive exercise deepening knowledge of new words, boosting working memory and increasing student exposure.
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	SL.8.5.	Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.
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PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	SL.8.6.	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.
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STRAND / TOPIC	AR.L.8.	Grade 8 Language Standards
CONTENT STANDARD	AK.L.0.	Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling as appropriate for Grade 8 when writing.
BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.2.D.	Spell correctly.
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CONTENT STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on Grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of effective strategies.
BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.4.A.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph, a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.4.C.	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.4.D.	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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STRAND / TOPIC	AR.L.8.	Grade 8 Language Standards Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
CONTENT STANDARD		
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings as appropriate for the grade level.
BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.5.B.	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
		<u>BookTaco</u> Word Introduction Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage.
BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.5.C.	Distinguish among the connotations, associations, of words with similar denotations, definitions, (e.g., bullheaded, willful, firm, persistent, resolute).
		<u>BookTaco</u> Definition Matching Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement.
STRAND / TOPIC	AR.L.8.	Grade 8 Language Standards

CONTENT STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain- specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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