

Main Criteria: California Content Standards

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Subject: Language Arts

Grade: 8

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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN / PART	CCSS.EL A-Literacy.C CRA.R.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	CCSS.EL A-Literacy.C CRA.R.1	<p>Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.</p> <p><u>BookTaco</u> <u>Book Notes</u> 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.</p> <p><u>Book Quiz</u> 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.</p> <p><u>Book Review</u> Book Taco survey questions about how the student experienced the book and their overall rating of the characters, plot, and appeal.</p> <p><u>Book Talk</u> 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.</p> <p><u>Chapter Notes</u> One page chapter notes organizer helps students organize characters and events for each chapter read.</p> <p><u>Compare & Contrast Characters</u> Template and word bank for the analysis of two characters' similarities and differences.</p> <p><u>Draw It!</u> Fun activity where students get to express their creativity by drawing their favorite parts of books and providing description.</p> <p><u>Nonfiction 3-2-1 Fun</u> Nonfiction graphic organizer helps students organize their understanding of a book or text.</p> <p><u>Nonfiction Book Report</u> Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension.</p> <p><u>Paragraph Writing Prompts</u> 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.</p> <p><u>Plot Diagram</u> 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.</p> <p><u>Point Of View!</u> Assess the level of a student's thinking about the reading and their ability to support conclusions with text-based evidence.</p> <p><u>Retell The Story</u> Practice summarizing and retelling the story (writing or pictures) by challenging students to identify main ideas, themes, and key details.</p> <p><u>Story Mapping</u> The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.</p>
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	CCSS.EL A-Literacy.C	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	CCSS.EL A-Literacy.C CRA.R.4	<p>Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.</p> <p><u>BookTaco</u> 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. Nonfiction Book Report Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension. 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. Sample Unscramble Sentence These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar. Story Mapping The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.</p>
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	CCSS.EL A-Literacy.C CRA.R.5	<p>Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.</p> <p><u>BookTaco</u> Book Review Book Taco survey questions about how the student experienced the book and their overall rating of the characters, plot, and appeal. 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. 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. Retell The Story Practice summarizing and retelling the story (writing or pictures) by challenging students to identify main ideas, themes, and key details. Story Mapping The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.</p>
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	CCSS.EL A-Literacy.C CRA.R.6	<p>Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text.</p> <p><u>BookTaco</u> Point Of View! Assess the level of a student's thinking about the reading and their ability to support conclusions with text-based evidence.</p>
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	CCSS.EL A-Literacy.C CRA.R.7	<p>Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.</p> <p><u>BookTaco</u></p>

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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	CCSS.EL A-Literacy.C CRA.R.10	<p>Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.</p> <p>BookTaco</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Book Review Book Taco survey questions about how the student experienced the book and</p>

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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	CCSS.EL A-Literacy.C CRA.W.8	<p>Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.</p> <p>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.</p>
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	CCSS.EL A-Literacy.C CRA.W.9	<p>Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.</p> <p>BookTaco Draw It! Fun activity where students get to express their creativity by drawing their favorite parts of books and providing description.</p> <p>Nonfiction Book Report Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension.</p> <p>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.</p>
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Range of Writing
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	CCSS.EL A-Literacy.C CRA.W.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 tasks, purposes, and audiences. <u>BookTaco</u> <u>Paragraph Writing Prompts</u> 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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN / PART	CCSS.EL A-Literacy.C CRA.SL.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	CCSS.EL A-Literacy.C CRA.SL.1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively. <u>BookTaco</u> <u>Book Talk</u> 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. <u>Nonfiction Text Features</u> Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	CCSS.EL A-Literacy.C CRA.SL.2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally. <u>BookTaco</u> <u>Book Notes</u> 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.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	CCSS.EL A-Literacy.C CRA.SL.5	Make strategic use of digital media and visual displays of data to express information and enhance understanding of presentations. <u>BookTaco</u> <u>Book Talk</u> 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.
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	CCSS.EL A-Literacy.C CRA.SL.6	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and communicative tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. <u>BookTaco</u> <u>Book Talk</u> 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.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Conventions of Standard English
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	CCSS.EL A-	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

	Literacy.C CRA.L.1	<p>BookTaco 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.</p>
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	CCSS.EL A- Literacy.C CRA.L.2	<p>Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.</p> <p>BookTaco Hear It Say It Write It Word pronunciation with student modeling along with word writing in print or cursive. 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.</p>
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Knowledge of Language
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	CCSS.EL A- Literacy.C CRA.L.3	<p>Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.</p> <p>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. 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. 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. Sample Unscramble Sentence These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar. 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.</p>
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD /		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

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EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	CCSS.EL A-Literacy.C CRA.L.4	<p>Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.</p> <p>BookTaco Definition Matching Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement. Sample Unscramble Sentence These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar. Sentence Completion Matching exercise challenges the understanding of the appropriate contextual usage of the words. Vocabulary Test Final assessment module featuring multiple choice environment. 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.</p>
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	CCSS.EL A-Literacy.C CRA.L.5	<p>Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.</p> <p>BookTaco Definition Matching Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement.</p>
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	CCSS.EL A-Literacy.C CRA.L.6	<p>Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.</p> <p>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. 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. Hear It Say It Write It Word pronunciation with student modeling along with word writing in print or cursive. Nonfiction Book Report Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension. 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. Sample Unscramble Sentence These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar. Sentence Completion Matching exercise challenges the understanding of the appropriate contextual usage of the words.</p>

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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	RL.8.1.	<p>Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Book Review Book Taco survey questions about how the student experienced the book and their overall rating of the characters, plot, and appeal.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Chapter Notes One page chapter notes organizer helps students organize characters and events for each chapter read.</p> <p>Compare & Contrast Characters Template and word bank for the analysis of two characters' similarities and differences.</p> <p>Draw It! Fun activity where students get to express their creativity by drawing their favorite parts of books and providing description.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Point Of View! Assess the level of a student's thinking about the reading and their ability to support conclusions with text-based evidence.</p> <p>Retell The Story Practice summarizing and retelling the story (writing or pictures) by challenging students to identify main ideas, themes, and key details.</p> <p>Story Mapping The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.</p>
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	RL.8.2.	<p>Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.</p> <p>BookTaco Book Review Book Taco survey questions about how the student experienced the book and their overall rating of the characters, plot, and appeal.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Chapter Notes One page chapter notes organizer helps students organize characters and events for each chapter read.</p>

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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	RL.8.4.	<p>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 tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. (See grade 8 Language standards 4–6 for additional expectations.) CA</p> <p>BookTaco Chapter Notes One page chapter notes organizer helps students organize characters and events for each chapter read.</p> <p>Compare & Contrast Characters Template and word bank for the analysis of two characters' similarities and differences.</p> <p>Definition Matching Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement.</p> <p>Draw It! Fun activity where students get to express their creativity by drawing their favorite parts of books and providing description.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Point Of View! Assess the level of a student's thinking about the reading and their ability to support conclusions with text-based evidence.</p> <p>Retell The Story Practice summarizing and retelling the story (writing or pictures) by challenging students to identify main ideas, themes, and key details.</p> <p>Sentence Completion Matching exercise challenges the understanding of the appropriate contextual usage of the words.</p> <p>Story Mapping The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.</p> <p>Word Introduction Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage.</p> <p>Word Jumble Active and fun learning medium promoting language acquisition through contextual and visual experience.</p>
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EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	RL.8.10.	<p>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.</p>

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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN / PART	CA.CC.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Information Text
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	RI.8.1.	<p>Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Book Review Book Taco survey questions about how the student experienced the book and their overall rating of the characters, plot, and appeal.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nonfiction 3-2-1 Fun Nonfiction graphic organizer helps students organize their understanding of a book or text.</p> <p>Nonfiction Book Report Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension.</p> <p>Paragraph Writing Prompts Students can view and select from a variety of different writing prompts. Once</p>

		their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading.
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	RI.8.2.	<p>Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.</p> <p><u>BookTaco</u> <u>Book Talk</u> 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.</p> <p><u>Nonfiction 3-2-1 Fun</u> Nonfiction graphic organizer helps students organize their understanding of a book or text.</p> <p><u>Nonfiction Book Report</u> Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension.</p> <p><u>Paragraph Writing Prompts</u> 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.</p>
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN / PART	CA.CC.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Information Text
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	RI.8.4.	<p>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. (See grade 8 Language standards 4–6 for additional expectations.) CA</p> <p><u>BookTaco</u> <u>Nonfiction Book Report</u> Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension.</p> <p><u>Sample Unscramble Sentence</u> These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar.</p>
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN / PART	CA.CC.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Information Text
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	RI.8.7.	<p>Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using different mediums (e.g., print or digital text, video, multimedia) to present a particular topic or idea.</p> <p><u>BookTaco</u> <u>Book Talk</u> 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.</p>
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN / PART	CA.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	W.8.7.	<p>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.</p> <p><u>BookTaco</u> <u>Book Notes</u> 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.</p>
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	W.8.8.	<p>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.</p>

		<p>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.</p> <p>Nonfiction Book Report Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension.</p> <p>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.</p>
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN / PART	CA.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Range of Writing
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	W.8.10.	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN / PART	CA.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
FOUNDATION / PROFICIENCY LEVEL	SL.8.1.a.	<p>Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nonfiction Text Features Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.</p>
FOUNDATION / PROFICIENCY LEVEL	SL.8.1.b.	<p>Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nonfiction Text Features Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.</p>
FOUNDATION / PROFICIENCY LEVEL	SL.8.1.c.	<p>Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nonfiction Text Features Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.</p>
FOUNDATION / 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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN / PART	CA.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	SL.8.5.	Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest. 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.
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	SL.8.6.	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 8 Language standards 1 and 3 for specific expectations.) 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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN / PART	CA.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Conventions of Standards English
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
FOUNDATION / PROFICIENCY LEVEL	L.8.2.c.	Spell correctly. BookTaco Hear It Say It Write It Word pronunciation with student modeling along with word writing in print or cursive. 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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN / PART	CA.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	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 strategies.
FOUNDATION / PROFICIENCY LEVEL	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. BookTaco Sample Unscramble Sentence These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar. Sentence Completion

		<p>Matching exercise challenges the understanding of the appropriate contextual usage of the words.</p> <p>Word Introduction Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage.</p> <p>Word Jumble Active and fun learning medium promoting language acquisition through contextual and visual experience.</p>
FOUNDATION / PROFICIENCY LEVEL	L.8.4.c.	<p>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 or trace the etymology of words. CA</p> <p>BookTaco Nonfiction Text Features Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.</p>
FOUNDATION / PROFICIENCY LEVEL	L.8.4.d.	<p>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).</p> <p>BookTaco Sample Unscramble Sentence These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar.</p> <p>Sentence Completion Matching exercise challenges the understanding of the appropriate contextual usage of the words.</p> <p>Word Introduction Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage.</p> <p>Word Jumble Active and fun learning medium promoting language acquisition through contextual and visual experience.</p>
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN / PART	CA.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
FOUNDATION / PROFICIENCY LEVEL	L.8.5.b.	<p>Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.</p> <p>BookTaco Word Introduction Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage.</p>
FOUNDATION / PROFICIENCY LEVEL	L.8.5.c.	<p>Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., bullheaded, willful, firm, persistent, resolute).</p> <p>BookTaco Definition Matching Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement.</p>
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN / PART	CA.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / MODE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / SUBSTRAND	L.8.6.	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Chapter Notes One page chapter notes organizer helps students organize characters and events for each chapter read.</p> <p>Compare & Contrast Characters Template and word bank for the analysis of two characters' similarities and differences.</p>

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.

Hear It Say It Write It

Word pronunciation with student modeling along with word writing in print or cursive.

Nonfiction Book Report

Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension.

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.

Sample Unscramble Sentence

These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar.

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.

Vocabulary Test

Final assessment module featuring multiple choice environment.

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.