

Main Criteria: Illinois Learning Standards

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Subject: Language Arts

Grade: 8

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	CCSS.EL A-Literacy.C CRA.R.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	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>
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	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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DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCSS.EL A-Literacy.C CRA.R.3	<p>Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a 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>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>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 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>
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LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	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>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. 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>
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	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>BookTaco 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>
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	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>BookTaco 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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LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	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>BookTaco</p>

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LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	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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LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	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>
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	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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LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	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.
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LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	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.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	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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LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	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.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	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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LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT	CCSS.EL A-	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

DISCIPLINE	Literacy.C CRA.L.1	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.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCSS.EL A- Literacy.C CRA.L.2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. 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.
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LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Knowledge of Language
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CCSS.EL A- Literacy.C CRA.L.3	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. 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.
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LEARNING STANDARD /		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

DISCIPLINE		
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	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>
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	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>
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	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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LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CC.8.R.L. 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>
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LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CC.8.R.L. 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.</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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LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CC.8.R.L. 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.

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	IL.8.R.I.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Key Ideas and Details
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CC.8.R.I.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.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CC.8.R.1.2.	<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>
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	IL.8.R.1.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Craft and Structure
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CC.8.R.1.4.	<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.</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>
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	IL.8.R.1.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CC.8.R.1.7.	<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>
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	IL.8.W.	Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CC.8.W.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>
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CC.8.W.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>

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	IL.8.W.	Writing Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Range of Writing
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CC.8.W.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>
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	IL.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Comprehension and Collaboration
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CC.8.SL.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.
STANDARD	CC.8.SL.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>
STANDARD	CC.8.SL.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>
STANDARD	CC.8.SL.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>
STANDARD	CC.8.SL.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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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	IL.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CC.8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient 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. 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. 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.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CC.8.SL.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.
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CC.8.SL.6.	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. 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.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	IL.8.L.	Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Conventions of Standard English
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CC.8.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
STANDARD	CC.8.L.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

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STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	IL.8.L.	Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CC.8.L.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.
STANDARD	CC.8.L.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 Matching exercise challenges the understanding of the appropriate contextual usage of the words. 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.
STANDARD	CC.8.L.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. BookTaco Nonfiction Text Features Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.
STANDARD	CC.8.L.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). BookTaco 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. 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.
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	IL.8.L.	Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CC.8.L.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
STANDARD	CC.8.L.5. b.	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words. BookTaco Word Introduction Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage.
STANDARD	CC.8.L.5. c.	Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., bullheaded, willful, firm, persistent, resolute). BookTaco

		<p>Definition Matching Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement.</p>
STATE GOAL / DISCIPLINARY CONCEPT	IL.8.L.	Language Standards
LEARNING STANDARD / DISCIPLINE		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
DESCRIPTOR / CONTENT DISCIPLINE	CC.8.L.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> <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>Hear It Say It Write It Word pronunciation with student modeling along with word writing in print or cursive.</p> <p>Nonfiction Book Report Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension.</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>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>Story Mapping The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.</p> <p>Vocabulary Test Final assessment module featuring multiple choice environment.</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> <p>Word Ladder Interactive exercise deepening knowledge of new words, boosting working memory and increasing student exposure.</p>