

**Main Criteria:** Minnesota Academic Standards

**Secondary Criteria:** BookTaco

**Subject:** Language Arts

**Grade:** 8

**Correlation Options:** Show Correlated

**Minnesota Academic Standards**

**Language Arts**

**Grade: 8 - Adopted: 2010**

<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.8.4.</b>	<b>Reading Benchmarks: Literature 6-12</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Key Ideas and Details</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	8.4.1.1.	<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><b>BookTaco</b> <b>Book Notes</b> 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><b>Book Quiz</b> 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><b>Book Review</b> Book Taco survey questions about how the student experienced the book and their overall rating of the characters, plot, and appeal.</p> <p><b>Book Talk</b> 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><b>Chapter Notes</b> One page chapter notes organizer helps students organize characters and events for each chapter read.</p> <p><b>Compare &amp; Contrast Characters</b> Template and word bank for the analysis of two characters' similarities and differences.</p> <p><b>Draw It!</b> Fun activity where students get to express their creativity by drawing their favorite parts of books and providing description.</p> <p><b>Paragraph Writing Prompts</b> 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><b>Plot Diagram</b> 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><b>Point Of View!</b> Assess the level of a student's thinking about the reading and their ability to support conclusions with text-based evidence.</p> <p><b>Retell The Story</b> Practice summarizing and retelling the story (writing or pictures) by challenging students to identify main ideas, themes, and key details.</p> <p><b>Story Mapping</b> The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.</p>
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<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Craft and Structure</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS /</b>	8.4.4.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific

STRAND		<p>word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.</p> <p><b>BookTaco</b>  <b>Chapter Notes</b>  One page chapter notes organizer helps students organize characters and events for each chapter read.  <b>Compare &amp; Contrast Characters</b>  Template and word bank for the analysis of two characters' similarities and differences.  <b>Definition Matching</b>  Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement.  <b>Draw It!</b>  Fun activity where students get to express their creativity by drawing their favorite parts of books and providing description.  <b>Plot Diagram</b>  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.  <b>Point Of View!</b>  Assess the level of a student's thinking about the reading and their ability to support conclusions with text-based evidence.  <b>Retell The Story</b>  Practice summarizing and retelling the story (writing or pictures) by challenging students to identify main ideas, themes, and key details.  <b>Sentence Completion</b>  Matching exercise challenges the understanding of the appropriate contextual usage of the words.  <b>Story Mapping</b>  The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.  <b>Word Introduction</b>  Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage.  <b>Word Jumble</b>  Active and fun learning medium promoting language acquisition through contextual and visual experience.</p>
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<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	8.4.10.10	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature and other texts including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently and independently with appropriate scaffolding for texts at the high end of the range.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MN.8.5.	Reading Benchmarks: Informational Text 6-12
PERFORMANCE INDICATOR /		Key Ideas and Details

<b>DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	8.5.1.1.	<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><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>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>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	8.5.2.2.	<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>
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<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	8.5.4.4.	<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>
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<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN</b>		<b>Integration of Knowledge and Ideas</b>

COMPONENT		
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND	8.5.7.7.	Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using different mediums (e.g., print or digital text, video, multimedia) to present a particular topic or idea.  <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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MN.8.7.	Writing Benchmarks 6-12
PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND	8.7.7.7.	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.  <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.
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND	8.7.8.8.	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.  <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. <u>Nonfiction Book Report</u> Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension. <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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PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT		Range of Writing
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND	8.7.10.10	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 discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS	8.7.10.10 .a.	Independently select writing topics and formats for personal enjoyment, interest, and academic tasks.  <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	MN.8.9.	Speaking, Viewing, Listening and Media Literacy Benchmarks 6-12
PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT		Comprehension and Collaboration
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND	8.9.1.1.	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.
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS	8.9.1.1.a.	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

		<p>issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.</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 Text Features</u> Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.</p>
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS	8.9.1.1.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><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 Text Features</u> Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.</p>
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS	8.9.1.1.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><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 Text Features</u> Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.</p>
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS	8.9.1.1.d.	<p>Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.</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 Text Features</u> Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.</p>
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PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND	8.9.4.4.	<p>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.</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>Definition Matching</u> Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement.</p> <p><u>Hear It Say It Write It</u> Word pronunciation with student modeling along with word writing in print or cursive.</p> <p><u>Sample Unscramble Sentence</u> These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar.</p> <p><u>Word Introduction</u> Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage.</p> <p><u>Word Jumble</u> Active and fun learning medium promoting language acquisition through contextual and visual experience.</p> <p><u>Word Ladder</u></p>

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INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND	8.9.5.5.	Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.  <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.
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND	8.9.6.6.	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts, audiences, tasks, and feedback from self and others, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 8 Language standards 1 and 3 on page 73 for specific expectations.)  <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 INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT		Media Literacy
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND	8.9.8.8.	As an individual or in collaboration, create a persuasive multimedia work or a piece of digital communication or contribute to an online collaboration for a specific purpose.
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS	8.9.8.8.b.	Publish the work and share with an audience.  <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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MN.8.11.	Language Benchmarks 6-12
PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT		Conventions of Standard English
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND	8.11.2.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS	8.11.2.2.c	Spell correctly.  <u>BookTaco</u> <u>Hear It Say It Write It</u> Word pronunciation with student modeling along with word writing in print or cursive. <u>Word Introduction</u> Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage. <u>Word Jumble</u> Active and fun learning medium promoting language acquisition through contextual and visual experience. <u>Word Ladder</u> Interactive exercise deepening knowledge of new words, boosting working memory and increasing student exposure.
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PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND	8.11.4.4.	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.

INDICATORS OF PROGRESS	8.11.4.4. a.	<p>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.</p> <p><a href="#">BookTaco</a>  <a href="#">Sample Unscramble Sentence</a>  These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar.  <a href="#">Sentence Completion</a>  Matching exercise challenges the understanding of the appropriate contextual usage of the words.  <a href="#">Word Introduction</a>  Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage.  <a href="#">Word Jumble</a>  Active and fun learning medium promoting language acquisition through contextual and visual experience.</p>
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS	8.11.4.4. 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.</p> <p><a href="#">BookTaco</a>  <a href="#">Nonfiction Text Features</a>  Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.</p>
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS	8.11.4.4. 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><a href="#">BookTaco</a>  <a href="#">Sample Unscramble Sentence</a>  These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar.  <a href="#">Sentence Completion</a>  Matching exercise challenges the understanding of the appropriate contextual usage of the words.  <a href="#">Word Introduction</a>  Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage.  <a href="#">Word Jumble</a>  Active and fun learning medium promoting language acquisition through contextual and visual experience.</p>
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INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND	8.11.5.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings to extend word consciousness.
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS	8.11.5.5. b.	<p>Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.</p> <p><a href="#">BookTaco</a>  <a href="#">Word Introduction</a>  Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage.</p>
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS	8.11.5.5.c.	<p>Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., bullheaded, willful, firm, persistent, resolute).</p> <p><a href="#">BookTaco</a>  <a href="#">Definition Matching</a>  Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement.</p>
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PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND	8.11.6.6.	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.

### **BookTaco**

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#### **Plot Diagram**

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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.

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