

**Main Criteria:** New Jersey Student Learning Standards

**Secondary Criteria:** BookTaco

**Subject:** Language Arts

**Grade:** 9

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**Language Arts**

**Grade: 9 - Adopted: 2016**

CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.RL.9-10.	Progress Indicators for Reading Literature
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
CONTENT STATEMENT	RL.9-10.1.	<p>Cite strong and thorough textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferentially, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.</p> <p><u><a href="#">BookTaco</a></u> <u><a href="#">Book Notes</a></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><a href="#">Book Quiz</a></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><a href="#">Book Review</a></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><a href="#">Book Talk</a></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><a href="#">Chapter Notes</a></u> One page chapter notes organizer helps students organize characters and events for each chapter read.</p> <p><u><a href="#">Compare &amp; Contrast Characters</a></u> Template and word bank for the analysis of two characters' similarities and differences.</p> <p><u><a href="#">Draw It!</a></u> Fun activity where students get to express their creativity by drawing their favorite parts of books and providing description.</p> <p><u><a href="#">Paragraph Writing Prompts</a></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><a href="#">Plot Diagram</a></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><a href="#">Point Of View!</a></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><a href="#">Retell The Story</a></u> Practice summarizing and retelling the story (writing or pictures) by challenging students to identify main ideas, themes, and key details.</p> <p><u><a href="#">Story Mapping</a></u> The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.</p>
CONTENT STATEMENT	RL.9-10.2.	<p>Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details and provide an objective summary of the text.</p> <p><u><a href="#">BookTaco</a></u> <u><a href="#">Book Talk</a></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><a href="#">Chapter Notes</a></u> One page chapter notes organizer helps students organize characters and events for each chapter read.</p> <p><u><a href="#">Compare &amp; Contrast Characters</a></u></p>

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CONTENT STATEMENT	RL.9-10.3.	<p>Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.</p> <p><b>BookTaco</b> <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>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>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>Story Mapping</b> The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.</p>
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.RL.9-10.	Progress Indicators for Reading Literature
STRAND		Craft and Structure
CONTENT STATEMENT	RL.9-10.4.	<p>Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language evokes a sense of time and place; how it sets a formal or informal tone).</p> <p><b>BookTaco</b> <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>Definition Matching</b> Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement.</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>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</p>

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<b>CONTENT STATEMENT</b>	RL.9-10.5.	<p>Analyze how an author’s choices concerning how to structure a text, order events within it (e.g., parallel plots), and manipulate time (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) create specific effects (e.g. mystery, tension, or surprise).</p> <p><b>BookTaco</b> <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. <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. <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>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>Story Mapping</b> The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.</p>
<b>CONTENT AREA / STANDARD</b>	NJ.RL.9-10.	<b>Progress Indicators for Reading Literature</b>
<b>STRAND</b>		<b>Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity</b>
<b>CONTENT STATEMENT</b>	RL.9-10.10.	<p>By the end of grade 9, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems at grade level text-complexity or above with scaffolding as needed.</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. <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. <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. <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. <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>Draw It!</b> Fun activity where students get to express their creativity by drawing their favorite parts of books and providing description. <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. <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>Story Mapping</b> The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.</p>
<b>CONTENT AREA / STANDARD</b>	NJ.RI.9-10.	<b>Progress Indicators for Reading Informational Text</b>
<b>STRAND</b>		<b>Key Ideas and Details</b>

CONTENT STATEMENT	RI.9-10.2.	<p>Determine a central idea of a text and analyze how it is developed and refined by specific details; 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. <u>Nonfiction 3-2-1 Fun</u> Nonfiction graphic organizer helps students organize their understanding of a book or text. <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.</p>
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.RI.9-10.	Progress Indicators for Reading Informational Text
STRAND		Craft and Structure
CONTENT STATEMENT	RI.9-10.4.	<p>Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper).</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. <u>Sample Unscramble Sentence</u> These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar.</p>
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.W.9-10.	Progress Indicators for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
CONTENT STATEMENT	W.9-10.7.	<p>Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.</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>
CONTENT STATEMENT	W.9-10.8.	<p>Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation (MLA or APA Style Manuals).</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>
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.W.9-10.	Progress Indicators for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
CONTENT STATEMENT	W.9-10.10.	<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 tasks, purposes, and audiences.</p> <p><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.</p>
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.SL.9-10.	Progress Indicators for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

CONTENT STATEMENT	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with peers on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.A.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas.  <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.
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.C.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.  <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.
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.D.	Respond thoughtfully to various perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and justify own views. Make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.  <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.
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.SL.9-10.	Progress Indicators for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
CONTENT STATEMENT	SL.9-10.4.	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically. The content, organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and 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 STATEMENT	SL.9-10.5.	Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance findings, reasoning, and evidence and to 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.
CONTENT STATEMENT	SL.9-10.6.	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English.  <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 AREA / STANDARD	NJ.L.9-10.	Progress Indicators for Language

<b>STRAND</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>
<b>CONTENT STATEMENT</b>	L.9-10.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
<b>CUMULATIVE PROGRESS INDICATOR</b>	L.9-10.2.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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<b>STRAND</b>		<b>Knowledge of Language</b>
<b>CONTENT STATEMENT</b>	L.9-10.3.	Apply knowledge of language to make effective choices for meaning, or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading, writing, speaking or listening.
<b>CUMULATIVE PROGRESS INDICATOR</b>	L.9-10.3.A.	Vary word choice and sentence structure to demonstrate an understanding of the influence of language.  <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.
<b>CONTENT AREA / STANDARD</b>	<b>NJ.L.9-10.</b>	<b>Progress Indicators for Language</b>
<b>STRAND</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
<b>CONTENT STATEMENT</b>	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
<b>CUMULATIVE PROGRESS INDICATOR</b>	L.9-10.4.A.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.  <u>BookTaco</u> <u>Sample Unscramble Sentence</u> These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar. <u>Sentence Completion</u> Matching exercise challenges the understanding of the appropriate contextual usage of the words. <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.
<b>CUMULATIVE PROGRESS INDICATOR</b>	L.9-10.4.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, its part of speech, or its etymology.  <u>BookTaco</u> <u>Nonfiction Text Features</u> Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.
<b>CUMULATIVE PROGRESS INDICATOR</b>	L.9-10.4.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).  <u>BookTaco</u> <u>Sample Unscramble Sentence</u> These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar. <u>Sentence Completion</u> Matching exercise challenges the understanding of the appropriate contextual usage of the words. <u>Word Introduction</u>

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<b>CONTENT STATEMENT</b>	<b>L.9-10.5.</b>	<b>Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.</b>
<b>CUMULATIVE PROGRESS INDICATOR</b>	<b>L.9-10.5.B.</b>	Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations. <b>BookTaco</b> <b>Definition Matching</b> Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement.
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<b>STRAND</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
<b>CONTENT STATEMENT</b>	<b>L.9-10.6.</b>	Acquire and use accurately 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 considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.  <b>BookTaco</b> <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. <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>Hear It Say It Write It</b> Word pronunciation with student modeling along with word writing in print or cursive. <b>Nonfiction Book Report</b> Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension. <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>Sample Unscramble Sentence</b> These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar. <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>Vocabulary Test</b> Final assessment module featuring multiple choice environment. <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. <b>Word Ladder</b> Interactive exercise deepening knowledge of new words, boosting working memory and increasing student exposure.

