New Mexico Content Standards

Language Arts

Grade: **8** - Adopted: **2012**

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. **BookTaco** **Book Notes** Opportunity for students to submit their thoughts, feelings, insight and observations on a book. Once submitted, Book Notes is marked completed and game coins earned with the notes appearing in the teacher's Reports page ready for review and assessment. **Book Quiz** Multiple choice based comprehension questions allowing teachers to customize test settings including passing score, number of attempts, and day of the week. Quiz questions are shuffled and randomized to maintain testing integrity. **Book Review** Book Taco survey questions about how the student experienced the book and their overall rating of the characters, plot, and appeal. **Book Talk** Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice. **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. **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. **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. **Story Mapping** The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.2.	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. **BookTaco** **Book Review** Book Taco survey questions about how the student experienced the book and their overall rating of the characters, plot, and appeal. **Book Talk** Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice.

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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		**Craft and Structure**
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	**RL.8.4.**	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. BookTaco **Chapter Notes** One page chapter notes organizer helps students organize characters and events for each chapter read. **Compare & Contrast Characters** Template and word bank for the analysis of two characters' similarities and differences. **Definition Matching** Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement. **Draw It!** Fun activity where students get to express their creativity by drawing their favorite parts of books and providing description. **Plot Diagram** Students organize the elements of a narrative text by identifying the exposition, rising action, the climax, the main events of the falling action and the resolution. **Point Of View!** Assess the level of a student's thinking about the reading and their ability to support conclusions with text-based evidence. **Retell The Story** Practice summarizing and retelling the story (writing or pictures) by challenging students to identify main ideas, themes, and key details. **Sentence Completion** Matching exercise challenges the understanding of the appropriate contextual usage of the words. **Story Mapping** The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story. **Word Introduction** Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage. **Word Jumble** Active and fun learning medium promoting language acquisition through contextual and visual experience.
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		**Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK /	**RL.8.10.**	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. **BookTaco** **Nonfiction Book Report** Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension. **Sample Unscramble Sentence** These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar.
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.7.	Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using different mediums (e.g., print or digital text, video, multimedia) to present a particular topic or idea. **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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.7.	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. **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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.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. **BookTaco** **Book Notes** Opportunity for students to submit their thoughts, feelings, insight and

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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		**Range of Writing**
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	**W.8.10.**	**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.** **BookTaco** **Paragraph Writing Prompts** **Students can view and select from a variety of different writing prompts. Once their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading.**
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	**NM.SL.8.**	**Speaking and Listening Standards**
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		**Comprehension and Collaboration**
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	**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.**
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	**SL.8.1(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 issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.** **BookTaco** **Book Talk** **Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice.** **Nonfiction Text Features** **Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.**
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	**SL.8.1(b)**	**Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.** **BookTaco** **Book Talk** **Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice.** **Nonfiction Text Features** **Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.**
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	**SL.8.1(c)**	**Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.** **BookTaco** **Book Talk** **Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice.** **Nonfiction Text Features** **Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.**
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	**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.** **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**

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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		**Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas**
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	**SL.8.4.**	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	**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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	**SL.8.6.**	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.
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		**Conventions of Standard English**
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	**L.8.2.**	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	**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.

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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	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** 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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(c)	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech. **BookTaco** **Nonfiction Text Features** Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.5(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.5(c)	Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., bullheaded, willful, firm, persistent, resolute). **BookTaco** **Definition Matching** Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement.
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