

Main Criteria: Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks

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Subject: Language Arts

Grade: 8

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FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.R.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.R. 1.	<p>Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a 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>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>
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.R. 2.	<p>Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details 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>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</p>

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STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.R. 3.	<p>Analyze how and why individuals, events, and 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>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>Story Mapping The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.</p>
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.R.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.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 Definition Matching Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement.</p> <p>Nonfiction Book Report Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension.</p> <p>Sample Unscramble Sentence These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar.</p>
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.R. 5.	<p>Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of a text relate to each other and the whole.</p> <p>BookTaco 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</p>

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STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.R. 7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse formats and media, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words. <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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.R. 9.	Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take. <u>BookTaco</u> <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.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.R.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.R. 10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts. <u>BookTaco</u> <u>Chapter Notes</u> One page chapter notes organizer helps students organize characters and events for each chapter read. <u>Compare & Contrast Characters</u> Template and word bank for the analysis of two characters' similarities and differences. <u>Draw It!</u> Fun activity where students get to express their creativity by drawing their favorite parts of books and providing description. <u>Nonfiction Book Report</u> Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension. <u>Nonfiction Text Features</u> Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each. <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. <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. <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. <u>Story Mapping</u> The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.W.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.W. 8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. <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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.W. 9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. <u>BookTaco</u> <u>Draw It!</u> Fun activity where students get to express their creativity by drawing their favorite parts of books and providing description.

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FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.W.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.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 tasks, purposes, and audiences.</p> <p><u>BookTaco</u> 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>
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.SL.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.SL.1.	<p>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.</p> <p><u>BookTaco</u> 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 / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.SL.2.	<p>Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.</p> <p><u>BookTaco</u> Nonfiction Text Features Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.</p>
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.SL.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.SL.4.	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that:
INDICATOR	CCRA.SL.4.a.	<p>Listeners can follow the line of reasoning.</p> <p><u>BookTaco</u> 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>
INDICATOR	CCRA.SL.4.b.	<p>The organization, development, vocabulary, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p><u>BookTaco</u> 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>
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STRAND		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.SL.5.	<p>Make strategic use of digital media and visual displays of data to express information and enhance understanding of presentations.</p> <p><u>BookTaco</u> 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</p>

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FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. <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>Word Introduction</u> Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. <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>Word Introduction</u> Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.4.	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. <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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.5	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. <u>BookTaco</u> <u>Definition Matching</u> Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.6.	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. <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.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.RCA-H.6-8.	Grades 6–8 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.6-8.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, quoting or paraphrasing as appropriate. (See grades 6–8 Writing Standard 8 for more on paraphrasing.) <u>BookTaco</u> <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>

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STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.6-8.2.	<p>Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.</p> <p>BookTaco Book Talk</p> <p>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 Book Report</p> <p>Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension.</p> <p>Paragraph Writing Prompts</p> <p>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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STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.6-8.4.	<p>Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.</p> <p>BookTaco Nonfiction Book Report</p> <p>Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension.</p> <p>Sample Unscramble Sentence</p> <p>These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar.</p>
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.6-8.5.	<p>Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally), including how written texts incorporate features such as headings.</p> <p>BookTaco Nonfiction Text Features</p> <p>Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.</p>
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.RCA-H.6-8.	Grades 6–8 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.6-8.7.	<p>Integrate visual information (e.g., charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.</p> <p>BookTaco Nonfiction Text Features</p> <p>Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.</p>
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.RCA-H.6-8.	Grades 6–8 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.6-8.10.	<p>Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.</p> <p>BookTaco Book Notes</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p>

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FOCUS / COURSE	MA.RCA-ST.6-8.	Grades 6–8 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.6-8.1.	<p>Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, quoting or paraphrasing as appropriate. (See grades 6–8 Writing Standard 8 for more on quoting and paraphrasing.)</p> <p>BookTaco 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>
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.6-8.2.	<p>Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.</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 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>
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.RCA-ST.6-8.	Grades 6–8 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.6-8.4.	<p>Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics.</p> <p>BookTaco Nonfiction Book Report Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension.</p> <p>Sample Unscramble Sentence These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar.</p>
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.RCA-ST.6-8.	Grades 6–8 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.6-	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

SKILL	8.10.	<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>Nonfiction Text Features Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.</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>Reading Log Students can manually enter and track their daily reading statistics (name of book, time spent reading and number of pages) or record their reading in real time with our online reading stopwatch.</p>
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.WCA. 6-8.	Grades 6–8 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.6-8.8.	<p>When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.</p> <p>BookTaco Book Notes Opportunity for students to submit their thoughts, feelings, insight and observations on a book. Once submitted, Book Notes is marked completed and game coins earned with the notes appearing in the teacher's Reports page ready for review and assessment.</p>
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.6-8.9.	<p>Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 6–8 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)</p> <p>BookTaco 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>
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.WCA. 6-8.	Grades 6–8 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.6-8.10.	<p>Write routinely over extended time frames (time for 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>

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.SLCA .6-8.	Grades 6–8 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.6-8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
INDICATOR	SLCA.6-8.1.a.	<p>Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion. (See grades 6–8 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)</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>
INDICATOR	SLCA.6-8.1.b.	<p>Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.</p> <p><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>
INDICATOR	SLCA.6-8.1.c.	<p>Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.</p> <p><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>
INDICATOR	SLCA.6-8.1.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>
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.SLCA .6-8.	Grades 6–8 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.6-8.3.	<p>Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and relevance and sufficiency of the evidence and identifying when irrelevant evidence is introduced. For example, after an author of science books on endangered animal species visits their class to talk about her research and writing, students write reports on what she said, summarizing important points and arranging them in a logical order. (WCA.6–8.2, SLCA.6–8.3)</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>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>
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.SLCA .6-8.	Grades 6–8 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.6-8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate vocabulary, eye contact, volume, and pronunciation.

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STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.6-8.5.	Integrate multimedia components 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.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.RL.8.	Grade 8 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
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STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.8.3.	<p>Analyze how particular lines of dialogue or incidents in a story, poem, or drama propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision.</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>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>Story Mapping The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.</p>
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STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.8.4.	<p>Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning, tone, or mood, including the impact of allusion and irony. (See grade 8 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)</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</p>

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STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.8.6.	<p>Analyze how differences in point of view between characters and audience (e.g., created through the use of dramatic irony) create such effects as suspense or humor.</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>
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.RL.8.	Grade 8 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.8.9.	<p>Analyze how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious works such as the Bible, including describing how the material is rendered new.</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>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>Story Mapping The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.</p>
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STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.8.10.	<p>Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for at least grade 8.</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</p>

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STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.8.1.	<p>Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, quoting or paraphrasing as appropriate. (See grade 8 Writing Standard 8 for more on quoting and paraphrasing.)</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 their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading.</p>
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STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	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. (See grade 8 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.) 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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.8.5.	Analyze in detail the structural elements of a text, including the role of specific sentences, paragraphs, and text features in developing and refining a key concept. BookTaco Nonfiction Text Features Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.RI.8.	Grade 8 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	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.
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FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.8.	Grade 8 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.8.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
INDICATOR	W.8.5.a.	<p>Demonstrate command of standard English conventions (as described in Language Standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8).</p> <p>BookTaco Sample Unscramble Sentence These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar.</p> <p>Word Introduction Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage.</p>
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.8.	Grade 8 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.8.8.	<p>When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.</p> <p>BookTaco Book Notes Opportunity for students to submit their thoughts, feelings, insight and observations on a book. Once submitted, Book Notes is marked completed and game coins earned with the notes appearing in the teacher's Reports page ready for review and assessment.</p>
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.8.9.	<p>Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grade 8 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.</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>
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.8.	Grade 8 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.8.10.	<p>Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.</p> <p>BookTaco</p>

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FOCUS / COURSE	MA.SL.8.	Grade 8 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	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.
INDICATOR	SL.8.1.a.	<p>Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion. (See grade 8 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)</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>
INDICATOR	SL.8.1.b.	<p>Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.</p> <p><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>
INDICATOR	SL.8.1.c.	<p>Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.</p> <p><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>
INDICATOR	SL.8.1.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>
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.SL.8.	Grade 8 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.8.4.	<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 vocabulary, eye contact, volume, and pronunciation. (See grade 8 Language Standards 4–6 for specific expectations regarding vocabulary.)</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>
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.8.5.	<p>Integrate multimedia components and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.</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</p>

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FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.8.	Grade 8 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.8.2.c.	<p>Spell correctly, recognizing that some words have commonly accepted variations (e.g., donut/doughnut).</p> <p><u>BookTaco</u> <u>Hear It Say It Write It</u> Word pronunciation with student modeling along with word writing in print or cursive.</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> Interactive exercise deepening knowledge of new words, boosting working memory and increasing student exposure.</p>
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.8.	Grade 8 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	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.
INDICATOR	L.8.4.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><u>BookTaco</u> <u>Sample Unscramble Sentence</u> These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar.</p> <p><u>Sentence Completion</u> Matching exercise challenges the understanding of the appropriate contextual usage of the words.</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>
INDICATOR	L.8.4.c.	<p>Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.</p> <p><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.</p>
INDICATOR	L.8.4.d.	<p>Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).</p> <p><u>BookTaco</u> <u>Sample Unscramble Sentence</u> These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar.</p> <p><u>Sentence Completion</u> Matching exercise challenges the understanding of the appropriate contextual usage of the words.</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>
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.8.	Grade 8 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

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INDICATOR	L.8.5.b.	<p>Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.</p> <p>BookTaco Word Introduction Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage.</p>
INDICATOR	L.8.5.c.	<p>Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations. (definitions) (e.g., bullheaded, willful, firm, persistent, resolute).</p> <p>BookTaco Definition Matching Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement.</p>