

Main Criteria: New Jersey Student Learning Standards

Secondary Criteria: BookTaco

Subject: Language Arts

Grade: 8

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Grade: 8 - Adopted: 2016

CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.RL.8.	Progress Indicators for Reading Literature
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
CONTENT STATEMENT	RL.8.1.	<p>Cite the textual evidence and make relevant connections that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</p> <p>BookTaco Book Notes Opportunity for students to submit their thoughts, feelings, insight and observations on a book. Once submitted, Book Notes is marked completed and game coins earned with the notes appearing in the teacher's Reports page ready for review and assessment.</p> <p>Book Quiz Multiple choice based comprehension questions allowing teachers to customize test settings including passing score, number of attempts, and day of the week. Quiz questions are shuffled and randomized to maintain testing integrity.</p> <p>Book Review Book Taco survey questions about how the student experienced the book and their overall rating of the characters, plot, and appeal.</p> <p>Book Talk Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice.</p> <p>Chapter Notes One page chapter notes organizer helps students organize characters and events for each chapter read.</p> <p>Compare & Contrast Characters Template and word bank for the analysis of two characters' similarities and differences.</p> <p>Draw It! Fun activity where students get to express their creativity by drawing their favorite parts of books and providing description.</p> <p>Paragraph Writing Prompts Students can view and select from a variety of different writing prompts. Once their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading.</p> <p>Plot Diagram Students organize the elements of a narrative text by identifying the exposition, rising action, the climax, the main events of the falling action and the resolution.</p> <p>Point Of View! Assess the level of a student's thinking about the reading and their ability to support conclusions with text-based evidence.</p> <p>Retell The Story Practice summarizing and retelling the story (writing or pictures) by challenging students to identify main ideas, themes, and key details.</p> <p>Story Mapping The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.</p>
CONTENT STATEMENT	RL.8.2.	<p>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.</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>Book Talk Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice.</p> <p>Chapter Notes</p>

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

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CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.RI.8.	Progress Indicators for Reading Informational Text
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
CONTENT STATEMENT	RI.8.1.	<p>Cite the textual evidence and make relevant connections that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</p> <p>BookTaco Book Notes Opportunity for students to submit their thoughts, feelings, insight and observations on a book. Once submitted, Book Notes is marked completed and game coins earned with the notes appearing in the teacher's Reports page ready for review and assessment.</p> <p>Book Quiz Multiple choice based comprehension questions allowing teachers to customize test settings including passing score, number of attempts, and day of the week. Quiz questions are shuffled and randomized to maintain testing integrity.</p> <p>Book Review Book Taco survey questions about how the student experienced the book and their overall rating of the characters, plot, and appeal.</p> <p>Book Talk Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice.</p> <p>Nonfiction 3-2-1 Fun Nonfiction graphic organizer helps students organize their understanding of a book or text.</p> <p>Nonfiction Book Report Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension.</p> <p>Paragraph Writing Prompts Students can view and select from a variety of different writing prompts. Once their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading.</p>
CONTENT STATEMENT	RI.8.2.	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.

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STRAND		Craft and Structure
CONTENT STATEMENT	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.
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.W.8.	Progress Indicators for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
CONTENT STATEMENT	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.
CONTENT STATEMENT	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 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. Nonfiction Book Report Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension. 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.
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.W.8.	Progress Indicators for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
CONTENT STATEMENT	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, metacognition/self correction, 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.
CONTENT AREA	NJ.SL.8.	Progress Indicators for Speaking and Listening

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STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
CONTENT STATEMENT	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.
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS 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.</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>
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS 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>
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS 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> <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>
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS 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> <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>
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.SL.8.	Progress Indicators for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
CONTENT STATEMENT	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 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>

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CONTENT STATEMENT	SL.8.5.	<p>Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.</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>
CONTENT STATEMENT	SL.8.6.	<p>Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.</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>
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.L.8.	Progress Indicators for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
CONTENT STATEMENT	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS INDICATOR	L.8.2.C.	<p>Spell correctly.</p> <p>BookTaco Hear It Say It Write It Word pronunciation with student modeling along with word writing in print or cursive.</p> <p>Word Introduction Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage.</p> <p>Word Jumble Active and fun learning medium promoting language acquisition through contextual and visual experience.</p> <p>Word Ladder Interactive exercise deepening knowledge of new words, boosting working memory and increasing student exposure.</p>
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.L.8.	Progress Indicators for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
CONTENT STATEMENT	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.
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS 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>BookTaco Sentence Completion Matching exercise challenges the understanding of the appropriate contextual usage of the words.</p> <p>Word Introduction Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage.</p> <p>Word Jumble Active and fun learning medium promoting language acquisition through contextual and visual experience.</p>
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS INDICATOR	L.8.4.C.	<p>Consult 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>BookTaco Nonfiction Text Features Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.</p>
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS 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>BookTaco</p>

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STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
CONTENT STATEMENT	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS 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>
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS 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>
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