# Bridging the [NYS English Language Arts Learning Standards](https://www.engageny.org/resource/new-york-state-p-12-common-core-learning-standards-for-english-language-arts-and-literacy) ~ Transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9

The intention of this tool is to provide a template for discussion and planning as students transition from the 2019-2020 school year to the 2020-2021 school year. In this instance, the 8th grade teacher will comment on the 2019-2020 ELA curriculum relating to that year’s instruction; the 9th grade teacher will use this information to plan to meet the needs of all learners for the 2020-2021 school year.

Each standard includes an image of an instructor ()  and an image of a laptop  () to indicate if the standard was taught in the classroom or remotely. Circling or deleting the images will best indicate the method of instruction for that standard during the 2019-2020 school year.

## Reading: Literature and Informational Text

### Key Ideas and Details

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|  | **Grade 8** **Learning Standard** | Instruction Provided | Comments & Considerations | **Grade 9/10** **Learning Standard** | Reflection &Planning for 2020-2021 |
| R1 | RL & RI: Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. | ClassroomInternet |  | RL: Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. RI: Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. 1. Develop factual, interpretive, and evaluative questions for further exploration of the topic(s).
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| R2 | RL: 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. RI: 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.  | ClassroomInternet |  | RL: 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; provide an objective summary of the text. RI: Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.  |  |
| R3 | RL: Analyze how particular lines of dialogue or incidents in a story or drama propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision. RI: Analyze how a text makes connections among and distinctions between individuals, ideas, or events (e.g., through comparisons, analogies, or categories).  | ClassroomInternet |  | RL: 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. RI: Analyze how the author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the connections that are drawn between them.  |  |

### Craft and Structure

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|  | **Grade 8** **Learning Standard** | Instruction Provided | Comments & Considerations | **Grade 9/10** **Learning Standard** | Reflection &Planning for 2020-2021 |
| R4 | RL: 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. RI: 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. | ClassroomInternet |  | RL: 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). RI: 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).  |  |

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| R5 | RL: Compare and contrast the structure of two or more texts and analyze how the differing structure of each text contributes to its meaning and style. RI: Analyze in detail the structure of a specific paragraph in a text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.  | ClassroomInternet |  | RL: 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 such effects as mystery, tension, or surprise. RI: Analyze in detail how an author’s ideas or claims are developed and refined by particular sentences, paragraphs, or larger portions of a text (e.g., a section or chapter).  |  |
| R6 | RL: Analyze how differences in the points of view of the characters and the audience or reader (e.g., created through the use of dramatic irony) create such effects as suspense or humor.1. Analyze full-length novels, short stories, poems, and other genres by authors who represent diverse world cultures.

RI: Determine an author’s point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints.  | ClassroomInternet |  | RL: Analyze a particular point of view or cultural experience reflected in a work of literature from outside the United States, drawing on a wide reading of world literature. RI: Determine an author’s point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how an author uses rhetoric to advance that point of view or purpose.  |  |

### Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

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|  | **Grade 8** **Learning Standard** | Instruction Provided | Comments & Considerations | **Grade 9/10** **Learning Standard** | Reflection &Planning for 2020-2021 |
| R7 | RL: Analyze the extent to which a filmed or live production of a story or drama stays faithful to or departs from the text or script, evaluating the choices made by the director or actors. RI: Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using different mediums (e.g., print or digital text, video, multimedia) to present a particular topic or idea. | ClassroomInternet |  | RL: Analyze the representation of a subject or a key scene in two different artistic mediums, including what is emphasized or absent in each treatment (e.g., Auden’s “Musée des Beaux Arts” and Breughel’s *Landscape with the Fall of Icarus*). 1. Analyze works by authors or artists who represent diverse world cultures.

RI: Analyze various accounts of a subject told in different mediums (e.g., a person’s life story in both print and multimedia), determining which details are emphasized in each account.  |  |
| R8 | RL: (Not applicable to literature) RI: Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced. | ClassroomInternet |  | RL: (Not applicable to literature) RI: Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is valid and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; identify false statements and fallacious reasoning.  |  |

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| R9 | RL: 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.RI: Analyze a case in which two or more texts provide conflicting information on the same topic and identify where the texts disagree on matters of fact or interpretation. Use their experience and their knowledge of language and logic, as well as culture, to think analytically, address problems creatively, and advocate persuasively.  | ClassroomInternet |  | RL: Analyze how an author draws on and transforms source material in a specific work (e.g., how Shakespeare treats a theme or topic from Ovid or the Bible or how a later author draws on a play by Shakespeare). RI: Analyze seminal U.S. documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., Washington’s Farewell Address, the Gettysburg Address, Roosevelt’s Four Freedoms speech, King’s “Letter from Birmingham Jail”), including how they address related themes and concepts. Read, annotate, and analyze informational texts on topics related to diverse and nontraditional cultures and viewpoints.  |  |

### Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

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|  | **Grade 8** **Learning Standard** | Instruction Provided | Comments & Considerations | **Grade 9/10** **Learning Standard** | Reflection &Planning for 2020-2021 |
| R10 | RL: 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. RI: By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at the high end of the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. | ClassroomInternet |  | RL: By the end of grade 9, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 9–10 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. By the end of grade 10, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of the grades 9–10 text complexity band independently and proficiently. RI: By the end of grade 9, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 9–10 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. By the end of grade 10, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at the high end of the grades 9–10 text complexity band independently and proficiently.  |  |

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| R11 |  RL: Interpret, analyze, and evaluate narratives, poetry, and drama, artistically and ethically by making connections to: other texts, ideas, cultural perspectives, eras, personal events, and situations.1. Self-select text to develop personal preferences.
2. Establish and use criteria to classify, select, and evaluate texts to make informed judgments about the quality of the pieces.

RI: Not applicable to Reading for Information Standard | ClassroomInternet |  | RL: Interpret, analyze, and evaluate narratives, poetry, and drama, aesthetically and ethically by making connections to: other texts, ideas, cultural perspectives, eras, personal events and situations.1. Self-select text to respond and develop innovative perspectives.
2. Establish and use criteria to classify, select, and evaluate texts to make informed judgments about the quality of the pieces.

 RI: Not applicable to Reading for Information Standard |  |

## Writing

### Text Types and Purposes

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|  | **Grade 8** **Learning Standard** | Instruction Provided | Comments & Considerations | **Grade 9/10** **Learning Standard** | Reflection &Planning for 2020-2021 |
| W1 | Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.1. Introduce claim(s), acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
2. Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
3. Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
4. Establish and maintain a formal style.
5. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented
 | ClassroomInternet |  | Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence. Explore and inquire into areas of interest to formulate an argument.1. Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
2. Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience’s knowledge level and concerns.
3. Use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
4. Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
5. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
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| W2 | Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.1. Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
2. Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
3. Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
4. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
5. Establish and maintain a formal style.
6. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
 | ClassroomInternet |  | Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content. 1. Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
2. Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience’s knowledge of the topic.
3. Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
4. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic
5. Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
6. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
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| W3 | Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.1. Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
2. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
3. Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.
4. Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
5. Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
 | ClassroomInternet |  | Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.1. Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create a smooth progression of experiences or events.
2. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
3. Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.
4. Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.
5. Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.
6. Adapt voice, awareness of audience, and use of language to accommodate a variety of cultural contexts.
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### Production and Distribution of Writing

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|  | **Grade 8** **Learning Standard** | Instruction Provided | Comments & Considerations | **Grade 9/10** **Learning Standard** | Reflection &Planning for 2020-2021 |
| W4 | Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)Produce text (print or nonprint) that explores a variety of cultures and perspectives. | ClassroomInternet |  | Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) |  |
| W5 | With some guidance and support from peers and adults, 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. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.) | ClassroomInternet |  | Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grades 9–10.) |  |
| W6 | Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others. | ClassroomInternet |  | Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology’s capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically. |  |

## Writing

### Research to Build and Present Knowledge

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| W7 | 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. | ClassroomInternet |  | 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. Explore topics dealing with different cultures and world viewpoints. |  |
| W8 | 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. | ClassroomInternet |  | 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. |  |

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| W9 | Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. 1. Apply *grade 8 Reading standards* to literature (e.g., “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”).
2. Apply *grade 8 Reading standards* to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced”).
 | ClassroomInternet |  | Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. 1. Apply *grades 9–10 Reading standards* to literature (e.g., “Analyze how an author draws on and transforms source material in a specific work [e.g., how Shakespeare treats a theme or topic from Ovid or the Bible or how a later author draws on a play by Shakespeare]”).
2. Apply grades 9–10 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is valid and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; identify false statements and fallacious reasoning”).
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### Range of Writing

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| W10 | 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. | ClassroomInternet |  | 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. |  |
| W11 | Create a presentation, art work, or text in response to a literary work with a commentary that identifies connections and explains divergences from the original.1. Make well-supported personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections across genres.
2. Create poetry, stories, plays, and other literary forms (e.g. videos, art work).
 | ClassroomInternet |  | Create literary texts that demonstrate knowledge and understanding of a wide variety of texts of recognized literary merit.1. Engage in a wide range of prewriting experiences, such as using a variety of visual representations, to express personal, social, and cultural connections and insights.
2. Identify, analyze, and use elements and techniques of various genres of literature.
3. Develop critical and interpretive texts from more than one perspective, including historical and cultural.
4. Create poetry, stories, plays, and other literary forms (e.g., videos, art work).
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## Speaking and Listening

### Comprehension and Collaboration

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| SL1 | 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.1. 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.
2. Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
3. Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others’ questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
4. Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
5. Seek to understand other perspectives and cultures and communicate effectively with audiences or individuals from varied backgrounds.
 | ClassroomInternet |  | Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on *grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues*, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.1. 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.
2. Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
3. 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.
4. Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
5. Seek to understand other perspectives and cultures and communicate effectively with audiences or individuals from varied backgrounds.
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| SL2 | Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commercial, political) behind its presentation.1. Use their experience and their knowledge of language and logic, as well as culture, to think analytically, address problems creatively, and advocate persuasively.
 | ClassroomInternet |  | Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source. |  |
| SL3 | 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. | ClassroomInternet |  | Evaluate a speaker’s point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, identifying any fallacious reasoning or exaggerated or distorted evidence. |  |

### Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

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| SL4 | 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. | ClassroomInternet |  | Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. |  |
| SL5 | Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest. | ClassroomInternet |  | Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest. |  |
| SL6 | Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 8 Language standards 1 and 3 for specific expectations.) | ClassroomInternet |  | Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grades 9–10 Language standards 1 and 3 for specific expectations.) |  |

## Language

### Conventions of Standard English

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| L1 | Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. 1. Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
2. Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
3. Form and use verbs in the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive mood.
4. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood
 | ClassroomInternet |  | Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.1. Use parallel structure.

Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, adverbial, participial, prepositional, absolute) and clauses (independent, dependent; noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations. |  |
| L2 | Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.1. Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
2. Use an ellipsis to indicate an omission.
3. Spell correctly.
 | ClassroomInternet |  | Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. 1. Use a semicolon (and perhaps a conjunctive adverb) to link two or more closely related independent clauses.
2. Use a colon to introduce a list or quotation.
3. Spell correctly.
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### Knowledge of Language

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|  | **Grade 8** **Learning Standard** | Instruction Provided | Comments &Considerations | **Grade 9/10** **Learning Standard** | Reflection &Planning for 2020-2021 |
| L3 | Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.1. Use verbs in the active and passive voice and in the conditional and subjunctive mood to achieve particular effects (e.g., emphasizing the actor or the action; expressing uncertainty or describing a state contrary to fact).
 | ClassroomInternet |  | Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.1. Write and edit work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a style manual (e.g., *MLA Handbook*, Turabian’s *Manual for Writers*) appropriate for the discipline and writing type.
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### Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

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| L4 | Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on *grade 8 reading and content*, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.1. 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.
2. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g*., precede, recede, secede*).
3. 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.
4. 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).
 | ClassroomInternet |  | 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.1. 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.
2. Identify and correctly use patterns of word changes that indicate different meanings or parts of speech (e.g., *analyze, analysis, analytical; advocate, advocacy*).
3. 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.
4. 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).
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| L5 | Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.1. Interpret figures of speech (e.g. verbal irony, puns) in context.
2. Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
3. Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., *bullheaded, willful, firm, persistent, resolute*).
 | ClassroomInternet |  | Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.1. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., euphemism, oxymoron) in context and analyze their role in the text.
2. Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations.
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| L6 | Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. | ClassroomInternet |  | 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. |  |