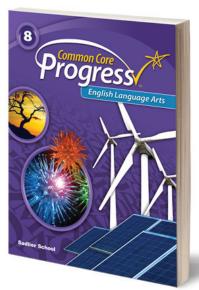
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1.1 Foundational Skills

Students gain a working knowledge of concepts of print, alphabetic principle, and other basic conventions.

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Phonics a	and Word Recognition	
CC.1.1.8.D	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.	
	Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context.	Unit 3 Reading Informational Text: Key Ideas and Details Language: Greek and Latin Roots and Affixes—p. 95 SEE ALSO Introducing Unit 3/Home Connect—pp. 61–62 Unit 3 Common Core Review—p. 97
Fluency		
CC.1.1.8.E	Read with accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.	
	Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.	Unit 1 Reading Literature: Key Ideas and Details Key Ideas and Details: Comprehension Check—pp. 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 33, 35, 39–41
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	 Read grade-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings. 	(Teacher observation)
	Use context to confirm or self-correct word	Unit 1 Reading Literature: Key Ideas and Details

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as necessary.

recognition and understanding, rereading



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Key Ideas and Details: Main Idea

CC.1.2.8.A

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.

Unit 3 Reading Informational Text: Key Ideas and Details Determining Central Idea and Details/Summarizing:

"American Labor and the Great Depression" (Online Article) pp. 72-79

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Key Ideas and Details: Text Analysis

CC.1.2.8.B

Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly, as well as inferences, conclusions, and/or generalizations drawn from the text.

Unit 3 Reading Informational Text: Key Ideas and Details

Drawing Inferences: "American Women and the Right to Vote" (Explanatory Text)—pp. 64–71

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CC.1.2.8.C

Analyze how a text makes connections among and distinctions between individuals, ideas, or events.

Unit 3 Reading Informational Text: Key Ideas and Details

Analyzing Relationships in a Text: "The Home Front of the War" by Agatha Eustace Randall (Magazine Editorial)—pp. 80-

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Craft and Structure: Point of View

CC.1.2.8.D

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.

Unit 7 Reading Informational Text: Craft and Structure

Determining Author's Point of View and Purpose: "The Power of Solar Energy" (Persuasive Essay)—pp. 184–191

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Craft and Structure: Text Structure

CC.1.2.8.E

Analyze the structure of the text through evaluation of the author's use of specific sentences and paragraphs to develop and refine a concept.

Unit 7 Reading Informational Text: Craft and Structure

Analyzing Text Structure: "Controlling Disease Outbreaks" (Science Journal Article)—pp. 176–183

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Unit 7 Common Core Review— pp. 200–202 Performance Task—Online

Craft and Structure: Vocabulary

CC.1.2.8.F

Analyze the influence of the words and phrases in a text including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings, and how they shape meaning and tone.

Unit 7 Reading Informational Text: Craft and Structure

Understanding Technical Language: "Near-Earth Objects" (Science Magazine Article)— pp. 168–175

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Unit 7 Common Core Review— pp. 200–202 Performance Task—Online

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas: Diverse Media

CC.1.2.8.G

Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using different mediums (e.g., print or digital text, video, multimedia) to present a particular topic or idea.

Unit 11 Reading Informational Text: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

Evaluating Different Mediums: "Types of Food Preservation: Pasteurization" (Web Article)—pp. 264–271

SEE ALSO

Introducing Unit 11/Home Connect/Essential Question—pp. 261–263
Close Reading: "Radio Waves: From Then to Now" (Web Article)/"Don't
Touch That Dial" (Editorial)—pp. 288–293

Unit 11 Common Core Review— pp. 296–298 Performance Task—Online

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas: Evaluating Arguments

CC.1.2.8.H

Evaluate an author's argument, reasoning, and specific claims for the soundness of the arguments and the relevance of the evidence.

Unit 11 Reading Informational Text: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

Evaluating Evidence and Reasoning: "Remarks by the President on America's Energy Security" by Barack Obama (abridged) (Speech)—pp. 272–279

SEE ALSO

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Performance Task—Online



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Integration of Knowledge and Ideas: Analysis Across Texts

CC.1.2.8.I

Analyze two or more texts that provide conflicting information on the same topic and identify where the texts disagree on matters of fact or interpretation.

Unit 11 Reading Informational Text: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

Analyzing Conflicting Information: Op-Ed: :President's Clean Energy Plan Must Be Refocused" by staff writer (Opinion Piece)—pp. 280–287

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Introducing Unit 11/Home Connect/Essential Question—pp. 261–263 Close Reading: "Radio Waves: From Then to Now" (Web Article)/"Don't Touch That Dial" (Editorial)—pp. 288–293 Unit 11 Common Core Review—pp. 296–298 Performance Task—Online

Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

CC.1.2.8.J

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.

Words to Know—pp. 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286

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CC.1.2.8.K Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade-level reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies and tools.

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Step 4 Editing: Editing Checklist (use a print or online dictionary–p. 306

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Range of Reading

CC.1.2.8.L

Read and comprehend literary nonfiction and informational text on grade level, reading independently and proficiently.

Unit 3 Reading Informational Text: Key Ideas and Details

Introducing Unit 3/Home Connect—pp. 61-62

Key Ideas and Details: Comprehension Check—pp. 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 91–93

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Unit 11 Reading Informational Text: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

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1.3 Reading Literature

Students read and respond to works of literature—with emphasis on comprehension, vocabulary acquisition, and making connections among ideas and between texts with focus on textual evidence.

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Key Ideas and Details: Theme

CC.1.3.8.A

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.

Unit 1 Reading Literature: Key Ideas and Details

Analyzing Theme and Summarizing: "Charlie and the Advice" (Scottish Traditional Tale)—pp. 20–27

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Students read and respond to works of literature—with emphasis on comprehension, vocabulary acquisition, and making connections among ideas and between texts with focus on textual evidence.

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Key Ideas and Details: Text Analysis

CC.1.3.8.B

Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly, as well as inferences, conclusions, and/or generalizations drawn from the text.

Unit 1 Reading Literature: Key Ideas and Details

Analyze Meaning: "The Judgment of Paris" (Greek Myth)—pp. 12 - 19

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Key Ideas and Details: Literary Elements

CC.1.3.8.C 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.

Unit 1 Reading Literature: Key Ideas and Details

Analyzing Plot and Character: "Good Sports" (Drama)—pp.

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Craft and Structure: Point of View

Analyze how differences in the points of view of CC.1.3.8.D the characters and the audience or reader (e.g.,

created through the use of dramatic irony) such effects as suspense or humor.

Unit 5 Reading Literature: Craft and Structure

Analyzing Point of View: "To Build a Fire" (Adventure)—pp. 132-139

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Unit 5 Common Core Review—pp. 148–150 Performance Task—Online

Craft and Structure: Text Structure

CC.1.3.8.E 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.

Unit 5 Reading Literature: Craft and Structure

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Craft and Structure: Vocabulary

CC.1.3.8.F Analyze the influence of the words and phrases in a text including figurative and connotative meanings and how they shape meaning and tone.

Unit 5 Reading Literature: Craft and Structure Analyzing Word Choice: "Boston" by Ralph Waldo Emerson (Poem)—pp. 116-123

Introducing Unit 5/Home Connect/Essential Question—pp. 113–115 Close Reading: "Life at Colony Camp: A Blog" (Science Fiction)—pp.

Unit 5 Common Core Review—pp. 148-150 Performance Task—Online

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas: Sources of Information

CC.1.3.8.G 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 directors or actors.

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Analyzing Adaptations of Fiction: "The Red Badge of Courage" by Stephen Crane (excerpt) (Novel)—pp. 220–227

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Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

CC.1.3.8.H Analyze how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from traditional works, including describing how the material is rendered new.

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Vocabulary Acquisition and Use: Strategies

CC.1.3.8.I Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade-level reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies and tools.

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Range of Reading

CC.1.3.8.K Read and comprehend literary fiction on grade level, reading independently and proficiently.

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Unit 5 Reading Literature: Craft and Structure

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Students read and respond to works of literature—with emphasis on comprehension, vocabulary acquisition, and making connections among ideas and between texts with focus on textual evidence.

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1.4 Writing

Students write for different purposes and audiences. Students write clear and focused text to convey a well-defined perspective and appropriate content.

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Informative/Explanatory

CC.1.4.8.A Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information clearly.

Unit 4 Text Types and Purposes: Write Informative/ Explanatory Texts

Read a Student Model/Outline an Informative/Explanatory Essay: Analyze a student model/organize and draft an informative/explanatory essay—pp. 102–105

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Informative/Explanatory: Focus

CC.1.4.8.B Identify and introduce the topic clearly, including a preview of what is to follow.

Unit 4 Text Types and Purposes: Write Informative/ Explanatory Texts

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Informative/Explanatory: Content

CC.1.4.8.C

Develop and analyze the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include graphics and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

Unit 4 Text Types and Purposes: Write Informative/ Explanatory Texts

Read a Student Model/Outline an Informative/Explanatory Essay: Developing the Topic Facts, Details, Quotations/Using Formatting (subheads) and Graphics—pp. 103–105

Unit 6 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Evidence-Based Essays

Read a Student Model/Outline an Evidence-Based Essay
Developing the Topic with Supporting Evidence—pp. 155,
157

Unit 8 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Research Reports

Read a Student Model/Use Index Cards/Outline a Research Report: Developing the Topic with Relevant Information/ Using Subheads to Group Related Information—pp. 206, 210

Informative/Explanatory: Organization

CC.1.4.8.D

Organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts; provide a concluding statement or section; include formatting when useful to aiding comprehension.

Unit 4 Text Types and Purposes: Write Informative/ Explanatory Texts

Read a Student Model/Outline an Informative/Explanatory

Essay: Creating an Organizational Structure/Using Transitions to Link Ideas/Providing a Conclusion to Summarize the Central Idea—pp. 102–105

Unit 6 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Evidence-Based Essays

Read a Student Model/Outline an Evidence-Based Essay:

Creating an Organizational Structure/Using Transitions to Connect Ideas Within Paragraphs/Ending with a Conclusion that Sums Up and Supports the Writer's Interpretation—pp. 154–157



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Unit 8 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Research Reports

Read a Student Model/Use Index Cards/Outline a Research Report: Creating an Organizational Structure/Using Transition Words to Create Coherence/Supporting and Summarizing the Ideas in the Conclusion—pp. 206–208, 210

Informative/Explanatory: Style

CC.1.4.8.E Write with an awareness of the stylistic aspects of composition.

 Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

Unit 4 Text Types and Purposes: Write Informative/ Explanatory Texts

Read a Student Model/Outline an Informative/Explanatory Essay: Using Precise Language to Name Things and Ideas—pp. 103, 105

Unit 6 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Evidence-Based Essays

Read a Student Model/Outline an Evidence-Based Essay:Using Precise Verbs to Describe Actions—pp. 155, 157

Unit 8 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Research Reports

Read a Student Model/Use Index Cards/Outline a Research Report: Using Precise Language, Domain-Specific Vocabulary—pp. 206, 210

Use sentences of varying lengths and complexities.

Create tone and voice through precise language.

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Step 4 Editing: Editing Checklist (use sentence variety)-p. 306

Unit 4 Text Types and Purposes: Write Informative/ Explanatory Texts

Language: Shifts in Verb Voice—p. 106 **Language:** Shifts in Verb Mood—p. 107

SEE ALSO

Introducing Unit 4/Home Connect—pp. 99-100

Unit 4 Common Core Review— p. 112

Writing Handbook: Step 3 Revising: Revising Checklist—p. 304; Step 4 Editing: Editing Checklist—p. 306

Unit 6 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Evidence-Based Essays

Language: Active Voice and Passive Voice—pp. 158–159

SEE ALSO

Introducing Unit 6/Home Connect—pp. 151-152

Unit 6 Common Core Review— p. 164

Writing Handbook: Step 3 Revising: Revising Checklist—p. 304; Step 4 Editing: Editing Checklist—p. 306



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Unit 8 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Research Reports

Language: Verb Voice and Mood—p. 212

SEE ALSO

Introducing Unit 8/Home Connect—pp. 203-204

Unit 8 Common Core Review—p. 216

Writing Handbook: Step 3 Revising: Revising Checklist—p. 304; Step 4 Editing: Editing Checklist—p. 306

Writing Handbook

Step 4 Editing: Editing Checklist (voice, mood)-p. 306

Establish and maintain a formal style.

Unit 4 Text Types and Purposes: Write Informative/ Explanatory Texts

Read a Student Model/Outline an Informative/Explanatory

Essay: Using a Formal Style—p. 105

Unit 6 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Evidence-Based Essays

Read a Student Model/Outline an Evidence-Based Essay:

Using Academic Language and Formal Style—pp. 154, 157

Unit 8 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Research Reports

Read a Student Model/Use Index Cards/Outline a Research Report: Using a Formal Tone—pp. 206, 210

Informative/Explanatory: Conventions of Language

CC.1.4.8.F

Demonstrate a grade-appropriate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

Unit 10 Text Type and Purposes: Write Opinion Pieces

Language: Coordinate and Cumulative Adjectives—pp. 254–255

SEE ALSO

Introducing Unit 10/Home Connect—pp. 247–248

Unit 10 Common Core Review—p. 260

Unit 4 Text Types and Purposes: Write Informative/ Explanatory Texts

Language: Punctuation for Pauses or Breaks—p. 109

SEE ALSO

Introducing Unit 4/Home Connect—pp. 99-100

Unit 4 Common Core Review— p. 112

Unit 10 Text Type and Purposes: Write Argumentative Essays

Language: Punctuation for Pauses or Breaks—p. 256

SEE ALSO

Introducing Unit 10/Home Connect—pp. 247–248

Unit 10 Common Core Review— p. 260

Unit 10 Text Type and Purposes: Write Argumentative Essays

Language: Correct Spelling-p. 257

SEE ALSO

Introducing Unit 10/Home Connect—pp. 247–248

Unit 10 Common Core Review— p. 260



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Opinion/Argumentative

CC.1.4.8.G Write arguments to support claims.

Unit 10 Text Types and Purposes: Write Argumentative Essays

Read a Student Model/Outline an Argumentative Essay: Analyze a student model/organize and draft an argumentative essay—pp. 250–253

Unit 10 Common Core Review: Assignment: Write the final draft of the argumentative essay started on p. 253—p. 260

Opinion/Argumentative: Focus

CC.1.4.8.H Introduce and state an opinion on a topic.

Unit 10 Text Types and Purposes: Write Argumentative Essays

Read a Student Model/Outline an Argumentative Essay: Introducing the Topic and Writer's Claim—pp. 250, 253

Opinion/Argumentative: Content

CC.1.4.8.I

Acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims and support claim with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic.

Unit 10 Text Types and Purposes: Write Argumentative Essavs

Read a Student Model/Outline an Argumentative Essay:

Addressing Counterclaims/Supporting Claims with Relevant Reasons and Evidence/ Using Sources That Are Credible and Accurate/ Organizing Evidence Logically—pp. 250–253

Opinion/Argumentative: Organization

CC.1.4.8.J

Organize the claim(s) with clear reasons and evidence clearly; clarify relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence by using words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion; provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.

Unit 10 Text Types and Purposes: Write Argumentative Essays

Read a Student Model/Outline an Argumentative Essay:

Creating an Organizational Structure/Organizing Evidence Logically/Connecting Ideas with Transition Words, Phrases, and Clauses/Providing a Conclusion That Restates the Claim and Includes a Call to Action—pp. 250–253

Opinion/Argumentative: Style

CC.1.4.8.K

Write with an awareness of the stylistic aspects of composition.

 Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

Unit 4 Text Types and Purposes: Write Informative/ Explanatory Texts

Read a Student Model/Outline an Informative/Explanatory Essay: Using Precise Language to Name Things and Ideas—pp. 103, 105

Unit 6 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Evidence-Based Essays

Read a Student Model/Outline an Evidence-Based Essay:
Using Precise Verbs to Describe Actions—pp. 155, 157



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Unit 8 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Research Reports

Read a Student Model/Use Index Cards/Outline a Research Report: Using Precise Language, Domain-Specific

Vocabulary—pp. 206, 210

Use sentences of varying lengths and complexities.

Create tone and voice through precise language.

Writing Handbook

Step 4 Editing: Editing Checklist (use sentence variety)-p. 306

Unit 4 Text Types and Purposes: Write Informative/ Explanatory Texts

Language: Shifts in Verb Voice—p. 106 **Language:** Shifts in Verb Mood—p. 107

SEE ALSO

Introducing Unit 4/Home Connect—pp. 99-100

Unit 4 Common Core Review— p. 112

Writing Handbook: Step 3 Revising: Revising Checklist—p. 304; Step 4 Editing: Editing Checklist—p. 306

Unit 6 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Evidence-Based Essays

Language: Active Voice and Passive Voice—pp. 158–159

SEE ALSO

Introducing Unit 6/Home Connect—pp. 151–152

Unit 6 Common Core Review— p. 164

Writing Handbook: Step 3 Revising: Revising Checklist—p. 304; Step 4 Editing: Editing Checklist—p. 306

Unit 8 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Research Reports

Language: Verb Voice and Mood—p. 212

SEE ALSO

Introducing Unit 8/Home Connect—pp. 203-204

Unit 8 Common Core Review— p. 216

Writing Handbook: Step 3 Revising: Revising Checklist—p. 304; Step 4 Editing: Editing Checklist—p. 306

Unit 10 Text Types and Purposes: Write Argumentative Essays

Read a Student Model/Outline an Argumentative Essay: Including Academic Language and Maintaining a Formal Tone—pp. 250, 253

Opinion/Argumentative: Conventions of Language

CC.1.4.8.L

Demonstrate a grade-appropriate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

Establish and maintain a formal style.

Unit 4 Text Types and Purposes: Write Informative/ Explanatory Texts

Language: Punctuation for Pauses or Breaks—p. 109

SEE ALSO

Introducing Unit 4/Home Connect—pp. 99–100

Unit 4 Common Core Review— p. 112



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Unit 10 Text Type and Purposes: Write Opinion Pieces

Language: Coordinate and Cumulative Adjectives—pp. 254-255

Language: Punctuation for Pauses or Breaks—p. 256

Language: Correct Spelling—p. 257

Introducing Unit 10/Home Connect—pp. 247-248

Unit 10 Common Core Review—p. 260

Narrative

CC.1.4.8.M

Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events.

Unit 2 Text Types and Purposes: Write Fictional Narratives

Read a Student Model/Create a Fictional Narrative: Analyze a student model/organize and draft a fictional narrative—pp.

Unit 2 Common Core Review: Assignment: Write the final draft of the fictional narrative started on p. 53—p. 60

Introducing Unit 2/Home Connect/Essential Question—pp. 47–49

Performance Task 1

Part 2: Narrative Writing—pp. 311, 315–317

Performance Task 2

Part 2: Narrative Writing—pp. 321, 325–327

Narrative: Focus

CC.1.4.8.N

Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters.

Unit 2 Text Types and Purposes: Write Fictional Narratives

Read a Student Model/Create a Fictional Narrative: Choosing a Point of View/Introducing the Narrator and Characters—pp. 50.53

Narrative: Content

CC.1.4.8.O

Use narrative techniques such as dialogue, description, reflection, and pacing to develop experiences, events, and/or characters; use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.

Unit 2 Text Types and Purposes: Write Fictional Narratives

Read a Student Model/Create a Fictional Narrative: Using Description and Dialogue to Make the Story More Realistic/ Including Descriptive Details, Precise Descriptions, and Sensory Language—pp. 50-51, 53

Narrative: Organization

CC.1.4.8.P

Organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically using 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; provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.

Unit 2 Text Types and Purposes: Write Fictional Narratives

Read a Student Model/Create a Fictional Narrative: Creating an Organizational Structure/ Using Transition Words and Phrases to Connect Events/Ending with a Meaningful Conclusion—pp. 50-53



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Narrative: Style

CC.1.4.8.Q

Write with an awareness of the stylistic aspects of writing.

 Use verbs in the active and passive voice and in the conditional and subjunctive mood to achieve particular effects.

Unit 4 Text Types and Purposes: Write Informative/ Explanatory Texts

Language: Shifts in Verb Voice—p. 106 **Language:** Shifts in Verb Mood—p. 107

SEE ALSO

Introducing Unit 4/Home Connect—pp. 99–100

Unit 4 Common Core Review— p. 112

Writing Handbook: Step 3 Revising: Revising Checklist—p. 304; Step 4 Editing: Editing Checklist—p. 306

Unit 6 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Evidence-Based Essays

Language: Active Voice and Passive Voice—pp. 158–159

SEE ALSO

Introducing Unit 6/Home Connect—pp. 151-152

Unit 6 Common Core Review—p. 164

Writing Handbook: Step 3 Revising: Revising Checklist—p. 304; Step 4 Editing: Editing Checklist—p. 306

Unit 8 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Research Reports

Language: Verb Voice and Mood—p. 212

SEE ALSO

Introducing Unit 8/Home Connect—pp. 203-204

Unit 8 Common Core Review— p. 216

Writing Handbook: Step 3 Revising: Revising Checklist—p. 304; Step 4 Editing: Editing Checklist—p. 306

• Use sentences of varying lengths and complexities.

• Create tone and voice through precise language.

Writing Handbook

Step 4 Editing: Editing Checklist (use sentence variety)-p. 306

Writing Handbook

Step 4 Editing: Editing Checklist (voice, mood)-p. 306

Narrative: Conventions of Language

CC.1.4.8.R

Demonstrate a grade-appropriate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

Unit 4 Text Types and Purposes: Write Informative/ Explanatory Texts

Language: Punctuation for Pauses or Breaks—p. 109

SEE ALSO

Introducing Unit 4/Home Connect—pp. 99-100

Unit 4 Common Core Review— p. 112

Unit 10 Text Type and Purposes: Write Opinion Pieces

Language: Coordinate and Cumulative Adjectives—pp. 254–255

Language: Punctuation for Pauses or Breaks—p. 256

Language: Correct Spelling—p. 257

SEE ALSO

Introducing Unit 10/Home Connect—pp. 247-248

Unit 10 Common Core Review— p. 260



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Response to Literature

CC.1.4.8.S

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research, applying grade-level reading standards for literature and literary nonfiction.

Unit 1 Reading Literature: Key Ideas and Details

Introducing Unit 1/Home Connect/Essential Question—pp. 9–11

Key Ideas and Details: Comprehension Check—pp. 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 33, 35, 39–41

Analyze Meaning: "The Judgment of Paris" (Greek Myth)—pp. 12–19

Analyzing Theme and Summarizing: "Charlie and the Advice" (Scottish Traditional Tale)—pp. 20–27

Analyzing Plot and Character: "Good Sports" (Drama)—pp. 28–35

Close Reading: "One Step Closer to Freedom" (Native American Inuit Myth)—pp. 36–41

Connect Across Texts: Support a Claim—p. 42

Unit 1 Common Core Review: "Searching for Treasure"/
"Searching for Ghosts"—pp. 44–46

Unit 5 Reading Literature: Craft and Structure

Introducing Unit 5/Home Connect/Essential Question—pp. 113–115

Craft and Structure: Comprehension Check—pp. 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 143–145

Analyzing Word Choice: "Boston" by Ralph Waldo Emerson (Poem)— pp. 116–123

Comparing and Contrasting Text Structures: "A Mill Girl's Story" (Realistic Fiction)/"Human or Machine?" (Poetry)— pp. 124–131

Analyzing Point of View: "To Build a Fire" (Adventure)— pp. 132–139

Close Reading: "Life at Colony Camp: A Blog" (Science Fiction)—pp. 140–145

Connect Across Texts: Compare and Contrast Texts—p. 146 Unit 5 Common Core Review: "On the Trail"/"On the Road" pp. 148–150

Unit 9 Reading Literature: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

Introducing Unit 9/Home Connect/Essential Question—pp. 217–219

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas: Comprehension Check—pp. 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 239–241

Analyzing Adaptations of Fiction: "The Red Badge of Courage" by Stephen Crane (excerpt) (Novel)—pp. 220–227

Analyzing Sources of Fiction: "The Letter Quest" (Realistic Fiction)—pp. 228–235

Close Reading: "Little Women" (Historical Fiction)/"Little Women" (Film Script)—pp. 236–241

Connect Across Texts: Compare and Contrast Texts—p. 242 Unit 9 Common Core Review: "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"/"Sleepy Hollow Legends"—pp. 244–246



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Performance Task 1

Part 1: Literary Analysis—pp. 311–314 Part 2: Narrative Writing—pp. 311, 315–317

Performance Task 2

Part 1: Literary Analysis—pp. 321–324 Part 2: Narrative Writing—pp. 321, 325–327

Production and Distribution of Writing: Writing Process

CC.1.4.8.T

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.

Unit 2 Text Types and Purposes: Write Fictional Narratives

Draft a Fictional Narrative—p. 53

Unit 2 Common Core Review: Write the final draft—p. 60

Unit 4 Text Types and Purposes: Write Informative/ Explanatory Texts

Draft an Informative/Explanatory Essay—p. 105 **Unit 4 Common Core Review:** Write the final draft—p. 112

Unit 6 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Evidence-Based Essays

Draft an Evidence-Based Essay—p. 157

Unit 8 Common Core Review: Write the final draft—p. 164

Unit 8 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Research Reports

Draft a Research Report—p. 210

Unit 8 Common Core Review: Write the final draft—p. 216

Unit 10 Text Types and Purposes: Write Argumentative Essays

Draft an Argumentative Essay—p. 253

Unit 10 Common Core Review: Write the final draft—p. 260

Writing Handbook

Step 1: Planning—pp. 300-302

Step 2: Drafting—p. 303

Step 3: Revising—pp. 304–305

Step 4: Editing (Editing Checklist/Proofreading Marks/Editing

Tips)—p. 306–308

Technology and Publication

CC.1.4.8.U

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.

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Step 1: Planning: Planning and Research/Researching Your Topic (online searches)—pp. 300–302

Step 5: Producing, Publishing, and Presenting (using a computer to produce your final copy, online publishing, digital slide presentations)—p. 309

See also Home Connect (guidance and support from parents and family when using technology)—pp. 48 (Web search to find stories), 100 (nonfictional online sources), 114 (evaluating Web sites), 204 (Web sites for reliable media agencies), 248 (government Web sites), 262 (finding Web articles)



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Conducting Research

CC.1.4.8.V

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.

Unit 8 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Research Reports

Read a Student Model/Use Index Cards/Outline a Research Report: Analyze a Student Model/Organize and Draft a Research Report—pp. 206–210

Unit 10 Common Core Review: Assignment: Write the final copy of the research report started on p. 210—p. 216

Performance Task 1

Part 3: Research Simulation—pp. 311, 318–320

Performance Task 2

Part 3: Research Simulation—pp. 321, 328–330

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Step 1: Planning: Planning and Research/Researching Your Topic (paraphrasing and summarizing)—pp. 300–302

Credibility, Reliability, and Validity of Sources

CC.1.4.8.W

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.

Unit 8 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Research Reports

Read a Student Model/Use Index Cards/Outline a Research Report: Paraphrasing/Recalling Relevant Information/Taking Notes/Listing Sources—pp. 206–210

Unit 8 Common Core Review: Assignment: Write the final copy of the research report started on p. 210—p. 216

Performance Task 1

Part 3: Research Simulation—pp. 311, 318–320

Performance Task 2

Part 3: Research Simulation—pp. 321, 328-330

Writing Handbook

Step 1: Planning: Planning and Research/Researching Your Topic (paraphrasing and summarizing)—pp. 300–302

Range of Writing

CC.1.4.8.X

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.

Connect Across Texts (complete chart then write brief essay): Support a Claim—pp. 42, 294; Compare and Contrast Texts—pp. 94, 146, 198, 242

Unit 2 Text Types and Purposes: Write Fictional Narratives

Read a Student Model/Write a Fictional Narrative: Analyze a student model/organize and draft a fictional narrative—pp. 50–53

Unit 2 Common Core Review: Assignment: Write the final draft of the fictional narrative started on p. 53—p. 60



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Unit 4 Text Types and Purposes: Write Informative/ Explanatory Texts

Read a Student Model/Outline an Informative/Explanatory Essay: Analyze a student model/organize and draft an informative/explanatory essay—pp. 102–105

Unit 4 Common Core Review: Assignment: Write the final draft of the informative/explanatory essay started on p. 105—p. 112

Unit 6 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Evidence-Based Essays

Read a Student Model/Outline an Evidence-Based Essay: Analyze a student model/organize and draft an evidence-based essay—pp. 102–105

Unit 4 Common Core Review: Assignment: Write the final draft of the evidence-based essay started on p. 105—p. 112

Unit 8 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write Research Reports

Read a Student Model/Use Index Cards/Outline a Research Report: Analyze a Student Model/Organize and Draft a Research Report—pp. 206–210

Unit 8 Common Core Review: Assignment: Write the final copy of the research report started on p. 210—p. 216

Unit 10 Text Types and Purposes: Write Argumentative Essays

Read a Student Model/Outline an Argumentative Essay:
Analyze a student model/organize and draft an
argumentative essays opinion piece—pp. 250–253

Unit 10 Common Core Review: Assignment: Write the final draft of the argumentative essay started on p. 254—p. 260

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Step 1: Planning—pp. 300–302

Step 2: Drafting—p. 303

Step 3: **Revising**—pp. 304–305

Step 4: Editing—p. 306–308

Step 5: Producing, Publishing, and Presenting—pp. 309–310

Performance Task 1

Part 1: Literary Analysis (write a literary analysis essay in response to the prompt)—pp. 311–314

Part 2: Narrative Writing (write a narrative in response to the prompt)—pp. 311, 315–317

Part 3: Research Simulation (write a comparison/contrast essay in response to the prompt)—pp. 311, 318–320

Performance Task 2

Part 1: Literary Analysis (write a literary analysis essay in response to the prompt)—pp. 321–324

Part 2: Narrative Writing (write a narrative in response to the prompt)—pp. 321, 325–327

Part 3: Research Simulation (write a comparison/contrast essay in response to the prompt)—pp. 328, 318–330



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*In addition to longer writing assignments cited above, students write routinely throughout the year in response to Comprehension Check questions, Speaking and Listening activities, many Language lessons, and Common Core Review questions at the end of each unit.

1.5 Speaking and Listening

Students present appropriately in formal speaking situations, listen critically, and respond intelligently as individuals or in group discussions.

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Comprehension and Collaboration: Collaborative Discussion

CC.1.5.8.A

Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions, on grade-level topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

Connect Across Texts (be prepared to discuss ideas with class): Support a Claim—pp. 42, 294; Compare and Contrast Texts—pp. 94, 146, 198, 242

Speaking and Listening: Discuss to the Essential Question—pp. 58 (*Did I?*: Come to the discussion prepared?), 110, 162, 214, 258

Writing Handbook

Step 5: Producing, Publishing, and Presenting: Speaking Tips/Listening Tips—p. 310

See also **Home Connect** (discussions with family members)—pp. 10, 48, 62, 100, 114, 152, 166, 204, 218, 248, 262

Comprehension and Collaboration: Critical Listening

CC.1.5.8.B

Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.

Unit 11 Reading Informational Text: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

Evaluating Evidence and Reasoning: "Remarks by the President on America's Energy Security" by Barack Obama (abridged) (Speech)—pp. 272–279

SEE ALSO

Introducing Unit 11/Home Connect/Essential Question—pp. 261–263 Close Reading: "Radio Waves: From Then to Now" (Web Article)/"Don't Touch That Dial" (Editorial)—pp. 288–293 Unit 11 Common Core Review— pp. 296–298 Performance Task—Online

Connect Across Texts (small group/class discussion): Support a Claim—pp. 42, 294; Compare and Contrast Texts—pp. 94, 146, 198, 242

Speaking and Listening: Discuss the Essential Question—pp. 58 (*Did I?*: Distinguish claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not?), 110, 162, 214, 258



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Step 5: Producing, Publishing, and Presenting: Listening Tips—p. 310

See also **Home Connect** (discussions with family members)—pp. 10, 48, 62, 100, 114, 152, 166, 204, 218, 248, 262

Comprehension and Collaboration: Evaluating Information

CC.1.5.8.C Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commercial, political) behind its presentation.

Unit 11 Reading Informational Text: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

Evaluating Different Mediums: "Types of Food Preservation: Pasteurization" (Web Article)—pp. 264–271

SEE ALSO

Introducing Unit 11/Home Connect/Essential Question—pp. 261–263
Close Reading: "Radio Waves: From Then to Now" (Web Article)/"Don't
Touch That Dial" (Editorial)—pp. 288–293
Unit 11 Common Core Review— pp. 296–298
Performance Task—Online

Connect Across Texts (small group/class discussion): Support a Claim—pp. 42, 294; Compare and Contrast Texts—pp. 94, 146, 198, 242

Speaking and Listening: Discuss to the Essential Question—pp. 58,110, 162, 214, 258

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Step 5: Producing, Publishing, and Presenting: Listening Tips—p. 310

See also **Home Connect** (discussions with family members)—pp. 10, 48, 62, 100, 114, 152, 166, 204, 218, 248, 262

Comprehension and Collaboration: Purpose, Audience, and Task

CC.1.5.8.D 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.

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Step 5: Producing, Publishing, and Presenting: Speaking Tips—p. 310

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Students present appropriately in formal speaking situations, listen critically, and respond intelligently as individuals or in group discussions.

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Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas: Context

CC.1.5.8.E Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks.

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Integration of Knowledge and Ideas: Multimedia

CC.1.5.8.F

Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to add interest, clarify information, and strengthen claims and evidence.

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Step 5: Producing, Publishing, and Presenting: Online Publishing and Digital Slide Presentations/Speaking Tips (using visuals or audio)/Digital Connection (slide shows/graphics)—pp. 309–310

See also Home Connect—pp. 48 (create a flow chart), 100 (create a time line), 152 (create a scrapbook), 204 (use a time line)

Conventions of Standard English

CC.1.5.8.G

Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English when speaking based on Grade 8 level and content.

Unit 2 Text Types and Purposes: Write Fictional Narratives

Language: Verbals—pp. 54–55 Language: Verb Moods—pp. 56–57

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Introducing Unit 2/Home Connect—pp. 47–48

Unit 2 Common Core Review— p. 60

Writing Handbook: Step 3 Revising: Revising Checklist–p. 304; Step 4 Editing: Editing Checklist—p. 306

Unit 4 Text Types and Purposes: Write Informative/ Explanatory Texts

Language: Shifts in Verb Voice—p. 106 **Language:** Shifts in Verb Mood—p. 107

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Introducing Unit 4/Home Connect—pp. 99-100

Unit 4 Common Core Review— p. 112

Writing Handbook: Step 3 Revising: Revising Checklist—p. 304; Step 4

Editing: Editing Checklist—p. 306



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Unit 6 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write **Evidence-Based Essays**

Language: Active Voice and Passive Voice—pp. 158–159

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Unit 6 Common Core Review—p. 164

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Unit 8 Research to Build and Present Knowledge: Write **Research Reports**

Language: Conditional and Subjunctive Moods—p. 211 Language: Verb Voice and Mood—p. 212

Introducing Unit 8/Home Connect—pp. 203-204

Unit 8 Common Core Review— p. 216

Writing Handbook: Step 3 Revising: Revising Checklist—p. 304; Step 4 Editing: Editing Checklist—p. 306

Unit 10 Text Type and Purposes: Write Argumentative

Language: Conditional and Subjunctive Moods—pp. 254–255

Introducing Unit 10/Home Connect—pp. 247-248

Unit 10 Common Core Review— p. 260

Writing Handbook: Step 3 Revising: Revising Checklist—p. 304; Step 4

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