Grade 8 Informational Standards Alignment Color Key

The following Tables of Content pages include the coordinating standards addressed in each lesson in all Sections. The lessons are color-coded as follows:

Red

R - reading anchor standard

Purple

RL - reading literature

Black

RI - reading information

Pink

W - writing

Green

SL - speaking and listening

Dark Blue

L - language



Literacy Launch for Grade 8



Lesson	Standard
Lesson 1: Introducing Graphic Organizers	W8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4
Lesson 2: Recognizing Genre	W8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4
Lesson 3: Distinguishing Between Opinion and Argumentative Writing	W8.1, 8.2, 8.4 RI8.1, 8.2, 8.7, 8.9 SL8.1 L8.1, 8.2
Lesson 4: Analyzing Real-World Applications of Argumentative & Opinion Writing	
Lesson 5: Strategic Reading - Informed Writing	W8.2 RI8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5, 8.8 SL8.1
Lesson 6: Strategic Reading - Organization and Text Conventions	W8.2, 8.4 RI8.1, 8.2, 8.5, 8.7
Lesson 7: Close Reading Challenge	RI8.1, 8.2, 8.7 L8.3, 8.4
Lesson 8: Comparing Four Types of Writing	W8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4 R8.1, 8.2, 8.5 SL8.1
I WANT MORE: Additional Analyzing and Annotating Informational and Argumentative Writing	W8.2, 8.4, 8.8, 8.9 RI8.1, 8.2, 8.5, 8.9
Lesson 9: Introducing Literary Elements	SL8.2 RL8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.6
Lesson 10: Writing a Literary Analysis Piece	W8.2α R8.1 SL8.1 L8.3
Lesson 11: Analyzing Assignments for Givens and Variables	R8.1
Lesson 12: Introduction to Inferential and Evaluative Thinking	W8.1, 8.2 R8.1, 8.2, 8.8

Section 2: Broad Yet Distinct Main Ideas

Lesson	Standard
Lesson 1: Sort and Categorize	W8.2, 8.5 RI8.2
Lesson 2: Compare These Pieces	W8.5 RI8.1
Lesson 3: Pick, List and Choose - A Process for Thinking, Prewriting and Planning	W8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5
Lesson 4: Pick, List, Choose, Ask, Find - Generating Main Ideas for Writing about English Language Arts, Science and Social Studies	W8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5 RI8.2
Lesson 5: Main Ideas - Don't Overlap Them!	W8.5
Lesson 6: Main Ideas – Broad or Too Narrow?	W8.5
Lesson 7: Recognizing Givens and Variables	W8.1, 8.2, 8.4 SL8.1
Lesson 8: Analyzing Response to Text Prompts & Assignments for Givens & Variables	W8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5 SL8.1
Lesson 9: Generating Broad Yet Distinct Main Ideas	W8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5
Lesson 10: Alternatives to Boring, Redundant Main Idea Sentences	W8.5 L8.3
Lesson 11: Revising Boring, Redundant Main Idea Sentences	W8.5
Lesson 12: Using a Thesaurus & Standard Proofreading/Editing Marks	W8.4, 8.5, 8.6
Lesson 13: Main Idea Blurbs into Sentences	W8.4, 8.5 L8.1, 8.2, 8.3
Lesson 14: Turning Questions/Prompts into Responses	L8.1, 8.2, 8.3
Lesson 15: The Missing Main Idea	RI8.1, 8.2 SL8.1 L8.1, 8.2, 8.3
Lesson 16: Sentence Variety and Word Referents	L8.3, 8.4, 8.5
Lesson 17: Preparing to Write a Response to Text	W8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5 RI8.1, 8.2, 8.5, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9
Lesson 18: Preparing to Respond in Writing to Multiple Texts	W8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5, 8.8, 8.9 RI8.1, 8.2, 8.5, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9

Section 3: Elaboration

Lesson	Standard
Lesson 1: What Does it Look Like? Why is it Important? Grab Bag	W8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5
Lesson 2: Just Okay or Much Better?	W8.1, 8.2, 8.5
Lesson 3: Sentence Matching	W8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5 L8.1, 8.2, 8.3
Lesson 4: Writing Sentences Using Detail-Generating Questions	W8.4, 8.5, 8.10 L8.1, 8.2, 8.3
Lesson 5: Find the Overly General Words and Phrases	W8.5, 8.10
Lesson 6: Break Up That Grocery List!	W8.5, 8.10
Lesson 7: Using Detail-Generating Questions	W8.2, 8.4, 8.5 SL8.1 L8.1, 8.2, 8.3
Lesson 8: Flip the Sentence Subject	W8.5, 8.10 L8.1, 8.2, 8.3
Lesson 9: Reading and Summarizing Texts	W8.2, 8.4, 8.8 RI8.1, 8.2 L8.3
Lesson 10: Comparing & Contrasting in Research Simulation Tasks	W8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5, 8.8, 8.9, 8.10 RI8.1, 8.2, 8.5, 8.8, 8.9
Lesson 11: Paraphrasing	W8.2, 8.8 SL8.1
Lesson 12: Giving the Author Credit	W8.1, 8.2, 8.8, 8.9

Section 4: Research

Lesson	Standard
Lesson 1: Reading Strategically & Finding Information Within Text	W8.6, 8.7 RI8.1, 8.2, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9
Lesson 2: Research! Using Search Engines	W8.6, 8.7
Lesson 3: Images and Videos - Adding Descriptive Details and Generating Research Questions	W8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8
Lesson 4: Researching a Topic of Interest	W8.6, 8.7 RI8.1, 8.7
Lesson 5: Gleaning Information Using Diagrams, Charts, Graphs, Maps, and Timelines	W8.1, 8.7 RI8.7
Lesson 6: Taking Notes from Lectures & Multi-Media Presentations	W8.7, 8.8 SL8.2
Lesson 7: Research / Take Notes / Write / Cite	W8.1b, 8.2b, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9 SL8.2
Lesson 8: Locating Golden Bricks for Research	W8.1b, c, d, 8.2b, c, d, 8.10 RI8.1 L8.3
Lesson 9: Transitional Words and Phrases	W8.1c, 8.2c L8.3
Lesson 10: Revise this Paragraph	W8.4, 8.5, 8.10
Lesson 11: Writing a Paragraph Using Supporting Details	W8.4, 8.5, 8.10
Lesson 12: Using Information from Multiple Sources	W8.2, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9, 8.10 RI8.1, 8.4, 8.5, 8.9

Section 5: Introductions and Conclusions

Lesson	Standard
Lesson 1: Leads and Topic Sentences	W8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5
Lesson 2: Writing an Attention-Grabbing Lead	W8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5, 8.7, 8.10 SL8.1
Lesson 3: Effective Topic Sentences	W8.2, 8.4, 8.5
Lesson 4: Writing Topic Sentences	W8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5 SL8.1
Lesson 5: Writing the Introduction Paragraph	W8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5, 8.10 SL8.1 L8.3, 8.6
Lesson 6: Writing Response to Text Introduction Paragraphs	W8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5 RI8.1, 8.2 L8.3
Lesson 7: Revising Dull Conclusion Paragraphs	W8.5 RI8.1
Lesson 8: Revise this Conclusion Paragraph	W8.5, 8.10
Lesson 9: Definitive Words and Phrases and Informative Verbs	W8.1, 8.2 L8.3, 8.6
Lesson 10: The Hypothetical Anecdote	SL8.1 L8.3, 8.6
Lesson 11: Analyzing More Complex Conclusions	W8.1, 8.2, 8.9 RI8.1
Lesson 12: Crafting Powerful Conclusion Paragraphs	W8.2d, 8.2f SL8.1
Lesson 13: Broadening Your Topic	W8.2, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7 SL8.1
Lesson 14: Writing Response to Text Conclusion Paragraphs (2-Day Lesson)	W8.1, 8.2f RI8.1, 8.2, 8.5 SL8.1, 8.2 L8.3

Section 6: Authentic Writing Tasks

Lesson	Standard
Lesson 1: 7-Day Process Writing	W8.1-8.10 SL8.1 L8.1, 8.2, 8.3 R8.1-8.10
Lesson 2: Identify the Theme	RL8.2
Lesson 3: Read Like an Author	W8.1, 8.2 L8.1, 8.2, 8.3 R8.1-8.10
Lesson 4: Writing a Literary Analysis - Narrator's "Point of View"	W8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.8, 8.9 RL8.6
Additional Literary Analysis Task Assignments	W8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.8, 8.9 R8.6