





ABOUT WIT & WISDOM

Wit & Wisdom® is a Kindergarten through Grade 8 English language arts (ELA) curriculum created by Great Minds®, an organization that brings together teachers and experts who believe all students deserve access to rich, rigorous content. With Wit & Wisdom, every text a student explores is authentic and of the highest quality. Students use these texts at every turn—to learn, and eventually master, essential reading, writing, speaking, listening, grammar, and vocabulary skills. Instead of basals, students read books they love to build knowledge of important topics and to develop and refine literacy skills. All students read and discuss grade-level texts, and the curriculum includes suggestions for supporting this learning at key moments in the lessons.

Wit & Wisdom is composed of four modules per grade level. Each artfully explores a specific topic to develop depth of understanding and inspire curiosity. The core of each module is a selection of literary works, informational texts, and visual art. Modules are made up of approximately 30 lessons that are covered in six to eight weeks. All modules integrate reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language instruction.

HIGH RATINGS

The independent, nonprofit reviewer EdReports.org gives *Wit & Wisdom* top ratings for text quality, building knowledge, and usability. *Wit & Wisdom* is the only ELA resource to receive a Tier 1 designation for all grades, Kindergarten through Grade 8, from the Louisiana Department of Education.

PROVEN RESULTS

Schools and districts nationwide are experiencing increased student engagement and growth with *Wit & Wisdom*. See their stories and data at greatminds.org/english.

ONGOING SUPPORT

To support and sustain successful implementation, *Wit & Wisdom*'s team offers customizable professional development—online or on-site. *Wit & Wisdom* also includes support resources available only from Great Minds:

Introducing Wit & Wisdom

- Implementation Guide
- Module o (GK-2, G3-5, G6-8)

Extending Wit & Wisdom

- Family Tip Sheets
- Volume of Reading text list
- Wit & Wisdom assessment resources (Standards Trackers and Question Sets)
- The Art of Wit & Wisdom (lessons and vocabulary relating to the curriculum's rich artwork)

Iowa Core Standards for English Language Arts Correlation to Wit & Wisdom

GRADE 8 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

The majority of the Grade 8 Iowa Core Standards for English Language Arts are fully covered by Grade 8 of the *Wit & Wisdom* curriculum. The areas where the Grade 8 Iowa standards and Grade 8 of the *Wit & Wisdom* curriculum do not align will require supplemental materials and use of *Wit & Wisdom* content from other grade levels. A detailed analysis of alignment is provided in the table below. With strategic placement of supplemental materials, students can be successful in achieving the proficiencies of the Iowa standards while benefiting from the rich texts and knowledge building of *Wit & Wisdom*.

KEY

Wit & Wisdom fully addresses the Iowa standard.

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Wit & Wisdom addresses the Iowa standard at a different grade level.

G = grade level Examples:

M = module G8 M1 L6 = Grade 8 Module 1 Lesson 6

L = lesson G8 M1 L6DD = Grade 8 Module 1 Lesson 6 Deep Dive

DD = Deep Dive

Strand	Sub-Strand	Standard	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
Reading	Key Ideas	RL.8.1	G8 M1 L1–11, L13–22, L29
Standards for Literature	and Details	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text	G8 M2 L6–11, L13–24, L26–28, L30, L33–36
		says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	G8 M3 L1–11, L17–27, L29–34, L36
		RL.8.2	G8 M1 L1–8, L10, L12–13, L13DD, L14–19, L21–22, L29,
		Determine a theme or central idea of a text	L29DD, L30
		and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the	G8 M2 L8–10, L13–30, L33–36
		characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.	G8 M3 L2–11, L17, L20–27, L29–34, L36
		RL.8.3	G8 M1 L2–3, L5–7, L10, L13–17, L29
		Analyze how particular lines of dialogue or incidents in a story or drama propel the	G8 M2 L6–11, L13–17, L20, L22–25, L27–30, L34–36
		action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision.	G8 M3 L2–10, L20–22, L24
	Craft and Structure	RL.8.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases	G8 M1 L1–4, L4DD, L5, L10, L11DD, L14–16, L21–22, L24DD, L29, L32DD, L33DD
		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.	G8 M2 L6DD, L7DD, L8, L8DD, L9–10, L10DD, L11, L11DD, L13–15, L17–20, L22, L22DD, L23–26, L29–30, L34–35
			G8 M3 L1–2, L2DD, L3–4, L4DD, L5–6, L6DD, L7–9, L9DD, L10, L10DD, L11, L18DD, L20, L20DD, L21, L21DD, L22–23, L24DD, L25, L28–30, L30DD
		RL.8.5	G8 M1 L3, L5, L8–12, L14–17, L20–22, L30–32
		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.	G8 M2 L19, L26

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		RL.8.6 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.	G8 M3 L18–22, L24, L29
	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	RL.8.7 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.	G8 M2 L21–22, L25–26, L34 G8 M3 L18
		RL.8.9 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.	G8 M3 L24-27
	Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity	RL.8.10 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. Read onlevel text, both silently and orally, at an appropriate rate with accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.	Wit & Wisdom considers reading and comprehending text at grade-level complexity a Continuing Standard. Because this expectation is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules. Fluent reading is also addressed across all modules and grades.
Reading Standards for Informational Text	Key Ideas and Details	RI.8.1 Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	G8 M1 L11–12, L23–30 G8 M2 L1–5, L12, L14, L31–33 G8 M3 L12–17 G8 M4 L1–24, L33

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		RI.8.2	G8 M1 L11–12, L23–30, L32
		Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text,	G8 M2 L1–5, L12, L14, L31–32, L34
		including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.	G8 M3 L13, L15–17
			G8 M4 L3-7, L10, L12-24
		RI.8.3	G8 M1 L12, L23–25
		Analyze how a text makes connections among and distinctions between individuals,	G8 M2 L1-2, L4, L12, L31-33
		ideas, or events (e.g., through comparisons, analogies, or categories).	G8 M3 L13–14
			G8 M4 L3-7, L10-15, L17, L20-21, L23
	Craft and Structure	RI.8.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases	G8 M1 L11–12, L12DD, L13DD, L23, L23DD, L24–25, L27DD, L32DD, L33DD
		as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings;	G8 M2 L1, L2DD, L3-4, L4DD, L12, L12DD, L31-32
		analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or	G8 M3 L12–14, L14DD, L15DD
		allusions to other texts.	G8 M4 L1–3, L3DD, L4–7, L10, L10DD, L11–14, L15DD, L17, L17DD, L18–19, L19DD, L20, L20DD, L21–22, L24
		RI.8.5	G8 M1 L27
		Analyze in detail the structure of a specific paragraph in a text, including the role of	G8 M2 L1, L3
		particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.	G8 M4 L1, L14, L19–21
		RI.8.6	G8 M1 L24
		Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author	G8 M3 L12, L14
		acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints.	G8 M4 L7, L11–12, L15–16, L18–20, L24

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	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	RI.8.7 Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using different mediums (e.g., print or digital text, video, multimedia) to present a particular topic or idea.		G8 M4 L3, L6–9
		RI.8.8		G8 M3 L13–16
		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.		G8 M4 L20, L23
		RI.8.9		G8 M4 L5, L20, L23–24
		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.		
	Range of	RI.8.10		G8 M1-4
	Reading and Level of Text Complexity	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. Read on level text, both silently and orally, at an appropriate rate with accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.		Wit & Wisdom considers reading and comprehending text at grade-level complexity a Continuing Standard. Because this expectation is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules. Fluent reading is also addressed across all modules and grades.
Writing	Text Types and	W.8.1		
Standards	Purposes	Write arguments to support claims with clear re	easc	ons and relevant evidence.
		W.8.1.a		G8 M3 L3-4, L6-10, L17-20, L22-24, L26, L31-35
		Introduce claim(s), acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.		

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		W.8.1.b	G8 M3 L3-4, L6-10, L17, L26, L31, L34-35
		Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.	
		W.8.1.c	G8 M3 L6, L8–9, L18–20, L22, L26, L31–32, L35
		Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.	
		W.8.1.d	G8 M3 L29-31
		Establish and maintain a formal style.	
		W.8.1.e	G8 M3 L13, L30–31, L35
		Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.	
		W.8.2	
		Write informative/explanatory texts to examine through the selection, organization, and analyst	topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information of relevant content.
		W.8.2.a	G8 M2 L5, L9–11, L15, L18, L21, L27–28, L31–32,
		Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what	L34-37
		is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include	G8 M3 L16, L27
		formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.	G8 M4 L12

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		W.8.2.b		G8 M1 L16, L28
		Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations,		G8 M2 L2–5, L8, L25–26, L32, L34–37
		or other information and examples.		G8 M3 L5–6, L8, L16, L27
				G8 M4 L12
		W.8.2.c		G8 M2 L13, L15, L36–37
		Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships		G8 M3 L16, L27
		among ideas and concepts.		G8 M4 L12
		W.8.2.d		G8 M1 L28
		Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain		G8 M2 L5, L25–26
		the topic.		G8 M3 L16, L27
		W.8.2.e		G8 M2 L23, L26
		Establish and maintain a formal style.		G8 M3 L16
		W.8.2.f		G8 M2 L25–26, L32, L36–37
		Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.		G8 M4 L12
		W.8.3		
		Write narratives to develop real or imagined exploseriptive details, and well-structured event se	_	riences or events using effective technique, relevant tences.
		W.8.3.a		G8 M1 L12–14, L17, L29
		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.		G8 M2 L16

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	W.8.3.b	G8 M1 L7, L11–15, L17, L21, L29, L31
	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.	G8 M2 L14, L16
	W.8.3.c	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in grade 7.
	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal	G7 M1 L28, L30
	shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among	G7 M2 L11DD, L12DD, L18DD, L24DD, L26DD
	experiences and events.	G7 M3 L16
	W.8.3.d	G8 M1 L5–8, L10–11, L13, L15, L17, L21, L29, L31
	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.	G8 M2 L3, L14, L16
	W.8.3.e	G8 M1 L12–14, L17, L29
	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.	
Production		G8 M1 L7, L21, L31–32
Distributio Writing	the development, organization, and style are	G8 M2 L5, L16, L32, L37
	appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types	G8 M3 L5, L36
	are defined in standards 1–3 above.)	G8 M4 L8, L27–28

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		W.8.5	G8 M1 L11, L17, L28–30, L32
		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	G8 M2 L8, L34, L37DD G8 M3 L10, L24, L26, L33–35, L35DD, L36, L36DD
		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.)	G8 M4 L16, L26–27, L31
		W.8.6	G8 M1 L22
		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.	G8 M4 L9, L32–33
	Research to	W.8.7	G8 M2 L1
	Build and Present	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question),	G8 M3 L1, L8
	Knowledge	drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.	G8 M4 L1–5, L10–11, L15–19, L24–25, L27, L33
		W.8.8	G8 M2 L1
		Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms	G8 M3 L1, L8
		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.	G8 M4 L3, L5, L10, L13, L15–16, L18, L21–27, L33

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		W.8.9		
		Draw evidence from literary or informational to	exts	s to support analysis, reflection, and research.
		W.8.9.a		G8 M1 L16
		Apply <i>grade 8 Reading standards</i> 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").		G8 M3 L5, L8, L27, L31
		W.8.9.b		G8 M3 L16
		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").		G8 M4 L27
1	Range of	W.8.10		G8 M1 L2–3, L19, L23, L27
	Writing	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.		G8 M2 L1, L6–7, L11–12, L14, L17, L19–20, L22–24, L28–30, L33 G8 M3 L1–3, L6–11, L13–15, L18–19, L22–25
				G8 M4 L1–2, L4, L6–7, L9–15, L17–24, L33

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Speaking and Listening Standards	Listening and Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in ground and Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in ground and Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in ground and Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in ground and Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in ground and Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions).			
		SL.8.1.a		G8 M3 L11, L26
		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.		G8 M4 L9, L24
		SL.8.1.b		G8 M2 L24, L33
		Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.		G8 M3 L11
		SL.8.1.c		G8 M3 L11
		Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.		
		SL.8.1.d		Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in grade 7.
		Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify		G7 M1 L7
		or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.		G7 M2 L30
				G7 M3 L29, L37
				G7 M4 L31

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		SL.8.2	G8 M1 L4, L9, L18–19
		Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually,	G8 M2 L2-4, L6-7, L11-15, L17-22, L25-26, L33-34
		quantitatively, orally) and evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commercial, political)	G8 M3 L18
		behind its presentation.	G8 M4 L3–15, L17–20, L24, L33
		SL.8.3	G8 M3 L6, L9, L11, L17, L29, L32, L34
		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.	
	Presentation of	SL.8.4	G8 M1 L18–22, L33
	Knowledge and Ideas	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent	G8 M3 L17
		manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.	G8 M4 L24, L28–32
		SL.8.5	G8 M1 L18–22, L33
		Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify	G8 M3 L28
		information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.	G8 M4 L9, L29–32
		SL.8.6	G8 M1 L15, L18–22, L27, L33
		Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, such as conducting interviews and	G8 M2 L18–25, L33, L36
		participating in public performances, demonstrating command of formal	G8 M3 L26, L29
		English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 8 Language standards 1 and 3 for specific expectations.)	G8 M4 L9, L24, L33

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Language Standards	Conventions of Standard English	L.8.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.		
		L.8.1.a Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.		G8 M4 L1DD, L2DD, L4DD, L7DD, L8, L8DD, L13DD, L14DD, L16, L16DD, L21DD, L22DD, L23, L23DD, L24DD
		L.8.1.b		G8 M1 L10-11
		Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.		G8 M2 L16, L21DD, L23DD, L24DD, L25, L25DD, L26, L26DD, L32, L37, L37DD
				G8 M4 L26DD, L27DD
		L.8.1.c		G8 M1 L2DD, L5DD, L8DD, L9DD, L10, L21
		Form and use verbs in the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive mood.		G8 M2 L14DD, L15DD, L16DD, L37, L37DD
				G8 M3 L11DD, L13DD, L16, L16DD, L17DD, L23DD, L25DD, L26DD, L27, L27DD, L29DD, L31, L36DD
				G8 M4 L27, L32DD
		L.8.1.d		G8 M1 L8DD
		Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.		G8 M2 L14DD, L15, L15DD, L16, L16DD, L25, L25DD, L26, L26DD, L37, L37DD
				G8 M3 L16, L17DD, L27, L29DD, L31, L36, L36DD
		L.8.2		
		Demonstrate command of the conventions of student when writing.	tan	dard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling
		L.8.2.a		G8 M1 L18DD, L19DD, L20DD, L22DD
		Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.		G8 M3 L1DD, L3DD, L5, L5DD, L35DD, L36

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		L.8.2.b		G8 M2 L31DD, L32, L32DD, L33DD, L37, L37DD	
		Use an ellipsis to indicate an omission.			
		L.8.2.c		G8 M2 L1DD, L32	
		Spell correctly.		G8 M3 L30DD, L31, L31DD, L32DD, L36	
	Knowledge of Language	L.8.3			
		Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.			
		L.8.3.a		G8 M1 L11	
		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).		G8 M2 L24DD, L32	
				G8 M3 L16DD, L17DD, L25DD, L26DD, L27, L27DD, L29DD	
				G8 M4 L25DD, L26DD, L27DD, L30DD, L31DD, L32DD	
	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	L.8.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on <i>grade 8</i> reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.			
		L.8.4.a 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.		G8 M1 L4DD, L11DD, L12, L12DD, L13DD, L15, L23, L27DD, L32DD, L33DD	
				G8 M2 L1–2, L2DD, L3–4, L6, L6DD, L7DD, L8, L8DD, L9–10, L10DD, L11DD, L12, L12DD, L13, L17–18, L18DD, L19–20, L22, L22DD, L23, L25, L27, L29–32, L34DD	
				G8 M3 L1–2, L2DD, L3–4, L6DD, L7, L9–10, L10DD, L14, L14DD, L15DD, L18DD, L19DD, L20, L20DD, L21, L21DD, L22–23, L24DD, L30DD, L33DD	
				G8 M4 L3DD, L4–5, L7, L10, L10DD, L13, L15, L15DD, L17, L17DD, L19, L19DD, L20DD, L21, L28DD, L29DD	

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		L.8.4.b	G8 M1 L3DD, L4DD, L12DD, L13DD	
		Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning	G8 M2 L10DD, L20DD, L22DD, L29DD	
		of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).	G8 M3 L7DD, L10DD, L12DD, L14DD, L18DD, L20DD, L21DD, L22DD, L30DD	
			G8 M4 L1, L6DD, L10, L17, L17DD, L28DD	
		L.8.4.c Consult general and specialized reference	G8 M1 L3DD, L4DD, L11DD, L13DD, L15DD, L23DD, L24DD, L27DD, L29DD	
		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.	G8 M2 L1, L1DD, L4, L6DD, L7DD, L10DD, L12DD, L20DD, L29DD, L30DD	
			G8 M3 L1–3, L6, L6DD, L7DD, L8–9, L9DD, L10DD, L12, L12DD, L15DD, L18, L18DD, L19, L20DD, L21, L21DD, L22, L22DD, L30, L30DD, L31DD	
			G8 M4 L2, L3DD, L5, L10, L10DD, L12–13, L15DD, L17DD, L19DD, L20DD	
		L.8.4.d 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).	G8 M1 L3DD, L4DD, L11DD, L12, L12DD, L13DD, L15, L23, L23DD, L27DD	
			G8 M2 L1, L4, L6DD, L7DD, L10DD, L12, L12DD, L13, L20DD, L22DD, L29DD, L31	
			G8 M3 L1–3, L6DD, L10, L10DD, L14, L18DD, L20, L21DD, L30DD	
			G8 M4 L2, L3DD, L10, L10DD, L15DD, L17, L17DD, L19DD, L20DD	
		L.8.5		
		Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.		

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		L.8.5.a	G8 M1 L4, L8DD, L21DD
		Interpret figures of speech (e.g., verbal irony, puns) in context.	G8 M2 L9DD, L10–11, L14–15, L18–20, L22, L29
			G8 M3 L2–4, L4DD, L5–6, L8–11, L19–20, L20DD, L22, L28–30
			G8 M4 L18, L20, L22
		L.8.5.b	G8 M1 L1, L1DD, L23DD, L27DD, L29DD
		Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.	G8 M2 L1, L2DD, L10, L13DD, L17, L18DD, L27, L31
			G8 M3 L20, L23, L29–30
			G8 M4 L1, L5, L5DD, L6, L6DD, L10–11, L11DD, L12, L15, L17, L21
		L.8.5.c	G8 M1 L15DD, L24DD
		Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar	G8 M2 L2DD, L4DD, L15, L19, L30DD, L31–32
		denotations (definitions) (e.g., bullheaded, willful, firm, persistent, resolute).	G8 M3 L2, L2DD, L7DD, L9DD, L10, L14, L15DD, L21
			G8 M4 L15DD, L21
		L.8.6	G8 M1–4
		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.	Wit & Wisdom considers this standard a Continuing Standard. Because it is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules.