WIT& WISDOM® MORE MEANINGFUL ENGLISH

Massachusetts Curriculum

Framework for English Language Arts and Literacy Correlation to *Wit & Wisdom* **GRADE 8**

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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 • Core text list

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

Extending Wit & Wisdom

- Parent 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)

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GRADE 8 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

The majority of the Grade 8 Massachusetts Curriculum Framework for English Language Arts and Literacy are fully covered by Grade 8 of the *Wit & Wisdom* curriculum. The areas where the Grade 8 Massachusetts 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 Massachusetts standards while benefiting from the rich texts and knowledge building of *Wit & Wisdom*.

<u>KEY</u>

- *Wit & Wisdom* fully addresses the Massachusetts standard.
- Wit & Wisdom may not completely address the Massachusetts standard.
- Wit & Wisdom does not address the Massachusetts standard.
- Wit & Wisdom addresses the Massachusetts 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 Standards for Literature	Key Ideas and Details	RL.8.1 Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, quoting or paraphrasing as appropriate.]	G8 M1 L1–3, L5–8, L10–11, L14–15, L18–19, L21, L29 G8 M2 L6–11, L13–20, L22–24, L26–28, L30, L33, L36 G8 M3 L1–11, L17–27, L29–33, L34, L36
		RL.8.2 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 a text.]	G8 M1 L1–8, L10, L12–13, L13DD, L14–19, L21–22, L29, L29DD, L30 G8 M2 L8–10, L13–30, L33–36 G8 M3 L2–11, L17, L20–27, L29–34, L36
		RL.8.3 Analyze how particular lines of dialogue or incidents in a story, poem, or drama propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision.		G8 M1 L2, L5–7, L13–14, L16, L29 G8 M2 L6–11, L13–17, L20, L22–23, L25, L27–30, L36 G8 M3 L2–7, L9, L20–24, L33
	Craft and Structure	RL.8.4 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, tone, or mood, including the impact of allusion and irony.		G8 M1 L2–4, L4DD, L10–11, L11DD, L14–16, L24DD, L29, L32DD, L33DD G8 M2 L6DD, L7DD, L8, L8DD, L10, L10DD, L11, L11DD, L13–15, L17–20, L22, L22DD, L23, L25, L29–30 G8 M3 L1-2, L2DD, L3–4, L4DD, L6, L6DD, L8–9, L9DD, L10, L10DD, L18DD, L19–20, L20DD, L21, L21DD, L22–23, L24DD, L28–29, L30DD
		RL.8.5 Compare and contrast the structures of two or more texts, analyzing how structure contributes to meaning and style in each text.		G8 M1 L3, L5, L8–12, L14–17, L20–22, L30–32 G8 M2 L19, L26

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		RL.8.6 Analyze how differences in point of view between characters and audience (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 an audio, filmed, or staged production of a story, drama, or poem stays faithful to or departs from the original text or script, evaluating the choices made by the director or performer(s).	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 Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for at least grade 8.	G8 M1–4 <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> considers this standard a Continuing Standard. Because it is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules.
Reading Standards for Informational Text	Key Ideas and Details	RI.8.1 Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, quoting or paraphrasing as appropriate.	G8 M1 L11–12, L23–28, L30 G8 M2 L1–5, L12, L14, L31–33 G8 M3 L12–17 G8 M4 L1–21, L23–24

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		RI.8.2	G8 M1 L11–12, L23–30, L32
		Determine a text's central idea(s) and analyze its/their development over the course of the	G8 M2 L1–5, L12, L14, L31–32, L34
		text, including relationships to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of a 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 L11
		Analyze in detail the structural elements of a text, including the role of specific sentences,	G8 M2 L3
		paragraphs, and text features in developing and refining a key concept.	G8 M4 L1–2, L14, L19
		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	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for at least grade 8.		<i>Wit & Wisdom</i> considers this standard a Continuing Standard. Because it is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules.
Writing	Text Types and	W.8.1		•
Standards	Purposes	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the edi reasons and relevant evidence.	tor	, advocacy speeches) to support claims with clear
		W.8.1a		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 in paragraphs and sections.		

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		W.8.1b Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.	G8 M3 L3–4, L6–10, L17, L26, L31, L34–35
		W.8.1c	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.8.1d	G8 M3 L29-31
		Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing).	
		W.8.1e	G8 M3 L13, L30–31, L35
		Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.	
		W.8.2	
			oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine on through the selection, organization, and analysis of
		W.8.2a	G8 M2 L5, L9–11, L15, L18, L21, L27–28, L31–32,
		Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; use paragraphs and sections to organize ideas, concepts, and information	L34–37 G8 M3 L16, L27
		into broader categories; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.	G8 M4 L12

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		W.8.2b	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.8.2c	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.8.2d	G8 M1 L28
		Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the	G8 M2 L5, L25–26
		topic.	G8 M3 L16, L27
		W.8.2e	G8 M2 L23, L26
		Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing).	G8 M3 L16
		W.8.2f	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

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		W.8.3 Write narratives to develop experiences or ever details, and well-structured sequences.	nts	using effective literary techniques, relevant descriptive
		W.8.3a		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 appropriate narrative sequence.		G8 M2 L16
		W.8.3b		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.8.3c		Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 7.
		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.		G7 M1 L28, L30 G7 M2 L11DD, L12DD, L18DD, L24DD, L26DD G7 M3 L16
		W.8.3d		Supplemental material is necessary to address using
		Use precise words and phrases and relevant descriptive details to convey a tone (the writer's attitude toward the subject: e.g., humorous, serious, or ironic) and to convey experiences or events.		words, phrases, and details to convey a tone. The following lessons address using words, phrases, and details to convey experiences or events. G8 M1 L6–8, L10–11, L13, L17, L21, L31
				G8 M2 L14, L16
		W.8.3e		G8 M1 L12–14, L17, L29
		Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.		

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	Production and Distribution of Writing	W.8.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	G8 M1 L7, L21, L31–32 G8 M2 L5, L16, L32, L37 G8 M3 L5, L36 G8 M4 L8, L27–28
		W.8.5	GO M4 L0, L2/-20
		Develop and strengthen writing as needed by p approach, focusing on how well purpose and a	nning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new ence have been addressed.
		W.8.5a	G8 M1 L31, L32
		Demonstrate command of standard English conventions (as described in Language	G8 M2 L37
		Standards $1-3$ up to and including grade 8).	G8 M3 L36
			G8 M4 L28
		W.8.5b	G8 M1 L28, L32
		Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience and purpose (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grade 8).	G8 M3 L36
		W.8.6 Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.	Supplemental material is necessary to address using web-based communication platforms to interact and collaborate. The following lessons address using technology to produce and publish writing and to present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently.
			G8 M1 L22 G8 M4 L9, L32–33

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	Research to Build and Present Knowledge	W.8.7 Conduct short as well as more sustained 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.	G8 M2 L1 G8 M3 L1, L8 G8 M4 L1–5, L10–11, L15–19, L24–25, L27, L33
		W.8.8 When conducting research, 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.	G8 M2 L1 G8 M3 L1, L8 G8 M4 L3, L5, L10, L13, L15–16, L18, L21–27, L33
		W.8.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grade 8 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.	G8 M1 L16 G8 M3 L8, L31
	Range of Writing	W.8.10 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 M1 L2–3, L19, L23, L27 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	Comprehension and Collaboration	SL.8.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.		
		SL.8.1a		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.8.1b		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.8.1c		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.8.1d		Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 7.
		Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or		G7 M1 L7
		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 vocabulary, eye contact, volume, and pronunciation.	G8 M4 L24, L28–32
		SL.8.5	G8 M1 L18–22, L33
		Integrate multimedia components 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, demonstrating command of formal	G8 M2 L18–25, L33, L36
		English when indicated or appropriate.	G8 M3 L26, L29
			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; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades.		
		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning		
		L.8.1a Coordinate phrases and clauses in simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences, with emphasis on agreement of pronouns and their antecedents.	<i>Wit & Wisdom</i> does not explicitly address coordinating phrases and clauses into different sentence types.	
		L.8.1b	G8 M1 L2DD, L5DD, L8DD, L9DD, L11, L21	
		Form and use verbs in the active and passive voices and the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive moods to communicate a particular meaning.	G8 M2 L14DD, L15DD, L16DD, L21DD, L23DD, L24DD, L25DD, L26DD, L32, L37DD	
			G8 M3 L11DD, L13DD, L16, L16DD, L17DD, L23DD, L25DD, L26DD, L27, L27DD, L29DD, L31, L36DD	
			G8 M4 L25DD, L26DD, L27DD, L30DD, L31DD, L32DD	
		L.8.2		
		Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.		
		L.8.2a	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	
		L.8.2b Use an ellipsis to indicate an omission	G8 M2 L31DD, L32, L32DD, L33DD, L37, L37DD	

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		L.8.2c Spell correctly, recognizing that some words have commonly accepted variations (e.g., <i>donut/doughnut</i>).		Supplemental material is necessary to address recognizing that some words have commonly accepted variations. The following lessons address spelling correctly. G8 M2 L1DD
				G8 M3 L30DD, L31, L31DD, L32DD
Knowledge of LanguageL.8.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, readin		hen writing, speaking, reading, or listening.		
		L.8.3a		<i>Wit & Wisdom</i> addresses this standard in Grade 6.
		Maintain appropriate consistency in style and tone while varying sentence patterns for meaning and audience interest.		G6 M1 L20DD, L21DD, L23DD, L24DD, L34 G6 M2 L34, L34DD
				G6 M3 L8, L28DD, L31, L31DD, L36DD, L37DD G6 M4 L19DD, L20DD, L22, L22DD, L27, L27DD, L29, L29DD
		L.8.3b		G8 M1 L19-21
		Recognize variations from standard or formal English in writing and speaking, determine their appropriateness for the intended purpose and audience, and make changes as necessary.		G8 M2 L23, L26 G8 M3 L16

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Vocabulary Acquisition and Use		L.8.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown a reading and content, choosing flexibly from a ra	and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 ange of strategies.
		L.8.4a 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
		L.8.4b Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., <i>precede</i> , <i>recede</i> , <i>secede</i>).	 G8 M1 L3DD, L4DD, L12DD, L13DD G8 M2 L10DD, L20DD, L22DD, L29DD G8 M3 L7DD, L10DD, L12DD, L14DD, L18DD, L20DD, L21DD, L22DD, L30DD G8 M4 L1, L6DD, L10, L17, L17DD, L28DD

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		L.8.4c 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	G8 M2 L1, L1DD, L4, L6DD, L7DD, L10DD, L12DD, L20DD, L29DD, L30DD	
	or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.	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.8.4d Verify the preliminary determination of	G8 M1 L3DD, L4DD, L11DD, L12, L12DD, L13DD, L15, L23, L23DD, L27DD	
		the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).	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.		
		L.8.5a	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	

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		L.8.5b	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.8.5c	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., <i>bullheaded</i> , <i>willfu</i> , <i>firm</i> , <i>persisten</i> t, <i>resolute</i>).	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; independently research words and gather vocabulary knowledge.	<i>Wit & Wisdom</i> considers this standard a Continuing Standard. Because it is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules.