

# WIT& WISDOM®

Curiosity, Inquiry, Knowledge

North Carolina Course of Study for English Language Arts Correlation to *Wit & Wisdom* 

**GRADE 8** | February 2023



#### ABOUT WIT & WISDOM

Wit & Wisdom\* is a Kindergarten through Grade 8 English language arts (ELA) curriculum created by Great Minds. Founded in 2007, Great Minds PBC has evolved from an education advocacy start-up to a respected curriculum developer providing the highest quality materials and professional development to schools and districts nationwide. In pursuit of its goal to raise expectations for every student, Great Minds enlists educators to write curricula that use proven learning strategies to reward students' natural curiosity, build knowledge, and cultivate lifelong critical-thinking skills. Writing teams collaborate to ensure a consistent structure and vision for learning within and across all grade levels.

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. 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. Modules build students' knowledge of important topics in the arts, science, and social studies through the use of diverse and culturally relevant texts. 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.

An adoption of Wit & Wisdom brings to your classroom:

#### HIGH RATINGS

The independent, nonprofit reviewer EdReports.org gives *Wit & Wisdom* top ratings for text quality, building knowledge, and usability. *Wit & Wisdom* received 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 <a href="https://greatminds.org/research">https://greatminds.org/research</a>. Data stories from districts can be found at <a href="https://greatminds.org/case-studies">https://greatminds.org/research</a>. Data stories from districts can be found at <a href="https://greatminds.org/case-studies">https://greatminds.org/research</a>. Data stories from districts can be found at <a href="https://greatminds.org/case-studies">https://greatminds.org/research</a>. Data stories from districts can be found at <a href="https://greatminds.org/case-studies">https://greatminds.org/research</a>. Data stories from districts can be found at <a href="https://greatminds.org/case-studies">https://greatminds.org/research</a>. Data stories from districts can be found at <a href="https://greatminds.org/case-studies">https://greatminds.org/research</a>. Data stories from districts can be found at <a href="https://greatminds.org/case-studies">https://greatminds.org/research</a>. Data stories from districts can be found at <a href="https://greatminds.org/case-studies">https://greatminds.org/research</a>. Data stories from districts can be found at <a href="https://greatminds.org/case-studies">https://greatminds.org/research</a>. Data stories from districts can be found at <a href="https://greatminds.org/case-studies">https://greatminds.org/research</a>. Data stories from districts can be found at <a href="https://greatminds.org/case-studies">https://greatminds.org/research</a>. Data stories from districts can be found at <a href="https://greatminds.org/case-studies">https://greatminds.org/case-studies</a>. Data stories from districts can be found at <a href="https://greatminds.org/case-studies">https://greatminds.org/case-studies</a>. Data stories from districts can be found at <a href="https://greatminds.org/case-studies">https://greatminds.org/case-studies</a>. Data stories from districts can be f

#### ONGOING SUPPORT

Great Minds offers *Wit & Wisdom* curriculum-specific professional development that values educators' experiences and unique contexts. Our professional development helps teachers build their content knowledge and instructional practices to guide them in how to develop habits of inquiry in their students through rich experiences with the curriculum's complex texts. Ongoing support includes:

#### Introducing Wit & Wisdom

- Wit & Wisdom Blog and Online Resources Implementation Guide
- Module Zero (GK-2, G3-5, G6-8)
- Wit & Wisdom Preparation Protocols
- On-Demand Professional Development and Implementation Support Videos

#### **Extending Wit & Wisdom**

- Family Tip Sheets
- Multilingual Glossary
- 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)

**Key Ideas and Evidence** 

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
RL.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.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 1 (21), 2 (39), 3 (51), 4 (67), 5 (77), 6 (87), 7 (99), 8 (109), 9 (121), 10 (133), 11 (143), 13 (167), 14 (179), 15 (189), 16 (199), 17 (207), 18 (217), 19 (229), 20 (241), 21 (251), 22 (259), 29 (327)
	Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 6 (81), 7 (93), 8 (103), 9 (113), 10 (123), 11 (131), 13 (153), 14 (165), 15 (177), 16 (189), 17 (197), 18 (205), 19 (219), 20 (231), 21 (243), 22 (255), 23 (269), 24 (283), 26 (305), 27 (315), 28 (327), 30 (347), 33 (381), 34 (391), 35 (403), 36 (409)
	Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 1 (21), 2 (37), 3 (49), 4 (63), 5 (77), 6 (85), 7 (99), 8 (111), 9 (123), 10 (135), 11 (145), 17 (209), 18 (219), 19 (233), 20 (245), 21 (255), 22 (265), 23 (275), 24 (289), 25 (303), 26 (315), 27 (325), 29 (339), 30 (351), 31 (363), 32 (373), 33 (383), 34 (391)
RL.8.2  Determine a theme 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.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 1 (21), 2 (39), 3 (51), 4 (67), 5 (77), 6 (87), 7 (99), 8 (109), 10 (133), 12 (155), 13 (167), 13DD (175), 14 (179), 15 (189), 16 (199), 17 (207), 18 (217), 19 (229), 21 (251), 22 (259), 29 (327), 29DD (335), 30 (337)
and plot, provide an objective summary of the text.	Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 8 (103), 9 (113), 10 (123), 13 (153), 14 (165), 15 (177), 16 (189), 17 (197), 18 (205), 19 (219), 20 (231), 21 (243), 22 (255), 23 (269), 24 (283), 25 (293), 26 (305), 27 (315), 28 (327), 29 (337), 30 (347), 33 (381), 34 (391), 35 (403), 36 (409)
	Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 2 (37), 3 (49), 4 (63), 5 (77), 6 (85), 7 (99), 8 (111), 9 (123), 10 (135), 11 (145), 17 (209), 20 (245), 21 (255), 22 (265), 23 (275), 24 (289), 25 (303), 26 (315), 27 (325), 29 (339), 30 (351), 31 (363), 32 (373), 33 (383), 34 (391), 36 (405)

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
RL.8.3  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	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 2 (39), 3 (51), 5 (77), 6 (87), 7 (99), 10 (133), 13 (167), 14 (179), 15 (189), 16 (199), 17 (207), 29 (327)  Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 6 (81), 7 (93), 8 (103), 9 (113), 10 (123), 11 (131), 13 (153), 14 (165), 15 (177), 16 (189), 17 (197), 20 (231), 22 (255), 23 (269), 24 (283), 25 (293), 27 (315), 28 (327), 29 (337), 30 (347), 34 (391), 35 (403), 36 (409)  Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 2 (37), 3 (49), 4 (63), 5 (77), 6 (85), 7 (99), 8 (111), 9 (123), 10 (135), 20 (245), 21 (255), 22 (265), 24 (289)

#### **Craft and Structure**

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
RL.8.4  Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 1 (21), 2 (39), 3 (51), 4 (67), 4DD (75), 5 (77), 10 (133), 11DD (153), 14 (179), 15 (189), 16 (199), 21 (251), 22 (259), 24DD (287), 29 (327), 32DD (357), 33DD (365)
	Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 6DD (91), 7DD (101), 8 (103), 8DD (111), 9 (113), 10 (123), 10DD (129), 11 (131), 11DD (138), 13 (153), 14 (165), 15 (177), 17 (197), 18 (205), 19 (219), 20 (231), 22 (255), 23 (269), 24 (283), 25 (293), 26 (305), 29 (337), 30 (347), 34 (391), 35 (403), 36 (409)
	Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 1 (21), 2 (37), 3 (49), 5 (77), 6 (85), 7 (99), 8 (111), 9 (123), 10 (135), 11 (145), 20 (245), 21 (255), 22 (265), 23 (275), 28 (333), 29 (339), 30 (351),
	Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 12DD (46), 4DD (74), 9DD (132), 0DD (142), 18DD (230), 20DD (253), 21DD (236), 24DD (299), 25 (303), 30DD (360)

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
RL.8.5  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.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 3 (51), 5 (77), 8 (109), 9 (121), 10 (133), 11 (143), 12 (155), 14 (179), 15 (189), 16 (199), 17 (207), 20 (241), 21 (251), 22 (259), 30 (337), 31 (345), 32 (351)  Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 19 (219), 26 (305)
RL.8.6  Analyze how differences in the perspectives of the characters and the audience or reader create such effects as suspense or humor.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lesson 10 (133) Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 18 (219), 19 (233), 20 (245), 21 (255), 22 (265), 24 (289), 29 (339)

Integration of Ideas and Analysis

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
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.	Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 21 (243), 22 (255), 25 (293), 26 (305), 34 (391)  Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 18 (219)
RL.8.8  Not applicable to literature.	N.A.
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, including describing how the material is rendered new.	Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 24 (289), 27 (325)

### Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
RL.8.10  By the end of grade 8, read and understand literature at the high end of the 6-8 text complexity band proficiently and independently for sustained periods of time. Connect prior knowledge and experiences to text.	Grade 8 Modules 1-4  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.

## **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

## **Key Ideas and Evidence**

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
RI.8.1  Cite textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 11 (143), 12 (155), 23 (267), 24 (279), 25 (289), 26 (301), 27 (311), 28 (319), 29 (327), 30 (337)
	Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 1 (23), 2 (37), 3 (51), 4 (63), 5 (73), 12 (141), 14 (165), 31 (359), 32 (371), 33 (381)
	Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 12 (157), 13 (169), 14 (181), 15 (191), 16 (201), 17 (209),
	Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 1 (21), 2 (37), 3 (49), 4 (65), 5 (81), 6 (93), 7 (107), 8 (119), 9 (131), 10 (141), 11 (153), 12 (167), 13 (173), 14 (189), 15 (203), 16 (215), 17 (225), 18 (237), 19 (247), 20 (261), 21 (275), 22 (283), 23 (293), 24 (301), 33 (375)

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
RI.8.2  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.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 11 (143), 12 (155), 23 (267), 24 (279), 25 (289), 26 (301), 27 (311), 28 (319), 29 (327), 30 (337), 31 (345), 32 (351)  Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 1 (23), 2 (37), 3 (51), 4 (63), 5 (73), 12 (141), 14 (165), 31 (359), 32 (371), 34 (391)  Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 13 (169), 15 (191), 16 (201), 17 (209), Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 3 (49), 4 (65), 5 (81), 6 (93), 7 (107), 10 (141), 12 (167), 13 (173), 14 (189), 15 (203), 16 (215), 17 (225), 18 (237), 19 (247), 20 (261), 21 (275), 22 (283), 23 (293), 24 (301)
RI.8.3  Analyze how a text makes connections among and distinctions between individuals, ideas, or events (e.g., through comparisons, analogies, or categories).	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 12 (155), 23 (267), 24 (279), 25 (289), Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 1 (23), 2 (37), 4 (63), 12 (141), 31 (359), 32 (371), 33 (381)  Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 13 (169), 14 (181)  Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 3 (49), 4 (65), 5 (81), 6 (93), 7 (107), 10 (141), 11 (153), 12 (167), 13 (173), 14 (189), 15 (203), 17 (225), 20 (261), 21 (275), 23 (293)

# **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

#### **Craft and Structure**

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
RI.8.4  Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 11 (146), 12 (155), 12DD (163), 13DD (175), 23 (267), 23DD (277), 24 (279), 25 (289), 27DD (317), 32DD (357), 33DD (365)  Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 1 (23), 2DD (47), 3 (51), 4 (63), 4DD (70), 12 (141), 12DD (151), 31 (359), 32 (371)  Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 12 (157), 14 (181), 14DD (188), 15DD (198)  Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 1 (21), 2 (37), 3 (49), 4 (65), 5 (81), 6 (93), 7 (107), 10 (141), 11 (153), 12 (167), 13 (173), 14 (189), 17 (225), 18 (237), 19 (247), 20 (261), 21 (275), 22 (283), 24 (301), 3DD (61), 10DD (151), 15DD (212), 17DD (235), 19DD (258), 20DD (272)
RI.8.5  Analyze in detail the structure of a specific paragraph in a text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lesson 27 (311) Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 1 (23), 3 (51) Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 1 (21), 14 (189), 19 (247), 20 (261), 21 (275)
RI.8.6  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.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lesson 24 (279) Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 12 (157), 14 (181) Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 7 (107), 11 (153), 12 (167), 15 (203), 16 (215), 18 (237), 19 (247), 20 (261), 24 (301)

## **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

**Integration of Ideas and Analysis** 

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
RI.8.7  Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using different mediums to present a particular topic or idea.	Grade 8 Modules 1-4  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.
RI.8.8  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.	Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 13 (169), 14 (181), 15 (191), 16 (201) Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 20 (261), 23 (293)
RI.8.9  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.	Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 5 (81), 20 (261), 23 (293), 24 (301)

# **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
RI.8.10  By the end of grade 8, read and understand informational texts at the high end of the 6-8 text complexity band proficiently and independently for sustained periods of time. Connect prior knowledge and experiences to text.	Grade 8 Modules 1-4  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.

# **Writing Standards**

Text Types, Purposes, and Publishing

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
W.8.1 Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.	Grade 8 Modules 1-4  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.
W.8.1a  Organize information and ideas around a topic to plan and prepare to write.	Grade 8, Module 3 Lessons 26 (319), 34 (401)
W.8.1b Introduce claim(s), acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.	Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 3 (49), 4 (63), 6 (85), 7 (99), 8 (111), 9 (123), 10 (135), 17 (209), 18 (219), 19 (233), 20 (245), 22 (265), 23 (275), 24 (289), 26 (315), 31 (363), 32 (373), 33 (383), 34 (391), 35 (397)
W.8.1c Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.	Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 3 (49), 4 (63), 6 (85), 7 (99), 8 (111), 9 (123), 10 (135), 17 (209), 26 (315), 31 (363), 34 (391), 35 (397)
W.8.1d  Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.	Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 6 (85), 8 (111), 9 (123), 18 (219), 19 (233), 20 (245), 22 (265), 26 (315), 31 (363), 32 (373), 35 (397)
W.8.1e Establish and maintain a formal style.	Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 29 (339), 30 (351), 31 (363)

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
W.8.1f  Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.	Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 13 (169), 30 (351), 31 (363), 35 (397)
W.8.1g  With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 11 (143), 17 (207), 28 (319), 29 (327), 30 (337), 31 (345), 32 (351)  Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 8 (103), 34 (391), 37DD (428)  Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 10 (135), 24 (289), 26 (315), 33 (383), 35 (397), 36 (405), 35DD (403), 36DD (410)  Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 16 (215), 26 (319), 27 (327), 31 (361)
W.8.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.	Grade 8 Modules 1-4  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.
W.8.2a  Organize information and ideas around a topic to plan and prepare to write.	Grade 8, Module 3 Lessons 26 (319), 34 (401)
W.8.2b  Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.	Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 5 (73), 9 (113), 10 (123), 11 (131), 15 (177), 18 (205), 21 (243), 27 (315), 28 (327), 31 (359), 32 (371)  Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 16 (201), 27 (325)  Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 12 (167)

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W.8.2c  Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 16 (199), 18 (217)  Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 2 (37), 3 (51), 4 (63), 5 (73), 8 (103), 25 (293), 26 (305), 32 (371), 34 (391), 35 (403), 36 (409), 37 (417)  Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 5 (77), 6 (85), 8 (111), 16 (201), 27 (325),  Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 12 (167)
W.8.2d  Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.	Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 13 (153), 15 (177), 36 (409), 37 (417)  Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 16 (201), 27 (325)  Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 12 (167)
W.8.2e  Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lesson 28 (319) Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 5 (73), 25 (293), 26 (305) Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 16 (201), 27 (325)
W.8.2f Establish and maintain a formal style.	Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 23 (269), 26 (305) Grade 8, Module 3, Lesson 16 (201)
W.8.2g  Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.	Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 25 (293), 26 (305), 36 (409), 37 (417)  Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 12 (167)

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W.8.2h  With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 11 (143), 17 (207), 28 (319), 29 (327), 30 (337), 31 (345), 32 (351)  Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 8 (103), 34 (391), 37DD (428)  Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 10 (135), 24 (289), 26 (315), 33 (383), 35 (397), 36 (405), 35DD (403), 36DD (410)  Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 16 (215), 26 (319), 27 (327), 31 (361)
W.8.3  Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.	Grade 8 Modules 1-4  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.
W.8.3a  Organize information and ideas around a topic to plan and prepare to write.	Grade 8, Module 3 Lessons 26 (319), 34 (401)
W.8.3b  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.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 12 (155), 13 (167), 14 (179), 17 (207), 29 (327) Grade 8, Module 2, Lesson 16 (189)
W.8.3c  Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 7 (99), 11 (143), 12 (155), 13 (167), 14 (179), 15 (189), 17 (207), 21 (251), 29 (327), 31 (345)  Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 14 (165), 16 (189)

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W.8.3d  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.	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 7.  Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 28 (319), 30 (337)  Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 11DD (138), 12DD (151), 18DD (216), 24DD (290), 26DD (312)  Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 16 (201)
W.8.3e  Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 5 (77), 6 (87), 7 (99), 8 (109), 9 (121), 10 (133), 11 (143), 13 (167), 15 (189), 17 (207), 21 (251), 29 (327), 31 (345)  Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 3 (51), 14 (165), 16 (189)
W.8.3f  Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 12 (155), 13 (167), 14 (179), 17 (207)
W.8.3g  With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 11 (143), 17 (207), 28 (319), 29 (327), 30 (337), 31 (345), 32 (351)  Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 8 (103), 34 (391), 37DD (428)  Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 10 (135), 24 (289), 26 (315), 33 (383), 35 (397), 36 (405), 35DD (403), 36DD (410)  Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 16 (215), 26 (319), 27 (327), 31 (361)
W.8.4  Use digital tools and resources to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lesson 22 (259) Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 9 (131), 32 (369), 33 (375)

# **Writing Standards**

#### Research

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
W.8.5  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.	Grade 8, Module 2, Lesson 1 (23) Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 1 (21), 8 (111) Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 1 (21), 2 (37), 3 (49), 4 (65), 5 (81), 10 (141), 11 (153), 15 (203), 16 (215), 17 (225), 18 (237), 19 (247), 24 (301), 25 (309), 27 (327), 33 (375)
W.8.6  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.	Grade 8, Module 2, Lesson 1 (23) Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 1 (21), 8 (111) Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 3 (49), 5 (81), 10 (141), 13 (173), 15 (203), 16 (215), 18 (237), 21 (275), 22 (283), 23 (293), 24 (301), 25 (309), 26 (319), 27 (327), 33 (375)

# **Speaking & Listening Standards**

#### **Collaboration and Communication**

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
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.	Grade 8 Modules 1-4  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.

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
SL.8.1a  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.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 15 (189), 20 (241), 27 (311) Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 24 (283), 33 (381) Grade 8, Module 3, Lesson 11 (145), 26 (315) Grade 8, Module 4, Lesson 9 (131)
SL.8.1b  Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 15 (189), 20 (241), 27 (311) Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 24 (283), 33 (381) Grade 8, Module 3, Lesson 11 (145), Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 9 (131), 24 (301)
SL.8.1c  Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 15 (189), 20 (241), 27 (311) Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 24 (283), 33 (381) Grade 8, Module 3, Lesson 11 (145), 26 (315), 32 (373) Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 9 (131), 24 (301)
SL.8.1d  Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 7.  Grade 7, Module 1, Lesson 7 (93)  Grade 7, Module 2, Lesson 30 (377)  Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 29 (355), 37 (423)  Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 31 (369)

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
SL.8.2  Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats and evaluate the motives behind its presentation.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 4 (67), 9 (121), 18 (217), 19 (229)  Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 2 (37), 3 (51), 4 (63), 6 (81), 7 (93), 1 (131), 12 (141), 13 (153), 14 (165), 15 (177), 17 (197), 18 (205), 19 (219), 20 (231), 21 (243), 22 (255), 25 (293), 26 (305), 33 (381), 34 (391)  Grade 8, Module 3, Lesson 18 (219)  Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 3 (49), 4 (65), 5 (81), 6 (93), 7 (107), 8 (119), 9 (131), 10 (141), 11 (153), 12 (167), 13 (173), 14 (189), 15 (203), 17 (225), 18 (237), 19 (247), 20 (261), 24 (301), 33 (375)
SL.8.3  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.	Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 6 (85), 9 (123), 11 (145), 17 (209), 29 (339), 32 (373), 34 (391)

# **Speaking & Listening**

Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
SL.8.4  Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 18 (217), 19 (229), 20 (241), 21 (251), 22 (259), 33 (359)  Grade 8, Module 3, Lesson 17 (209)  Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 24 (301), 28 (335), 29 (343), 30 (351), 31 (361), 32 (369)

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
SL.8.5 Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 18 (217), 19 (229), 20 (241), 21 (251), 22 (259), 33 (359)  Grade 8, Module 3, Lesson 28 (333)  Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 9 (131), 10 (141), 1 29 (343), 30 (351), 31 (361), 32 (369)

# **Language Standards**

# **Conventions of Standard English**

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
L.8.1  Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; demonstrate proficiency within the 6–8 grammar continuum.	See L8.1a-w below for alignment to grammar continuum
L.8.1a  Continue to ensure subject/verb agreement.	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 3.
L.8.1b  Explain the function of verbals (such as gerunds or participles).	Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 1DD (32), 2DD (47), 4DD (78), 7DD (116), 8DD (128), 13DD (185), 22DD (291), 23DD (300), 24DD (307), 25DD (315)
L.8.1c Form and use verbs in active & passive voice.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 10 (133), 11 (143)  Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 16 (189), 21DD (252), 23DD (279), 24DD (290), 25 (293), 25DD (303), 26 (305), 26DD (312), 32 (371)  Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 26DD (325), 27DD (332)

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
L.8.1d  Form and use indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional moods.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 2DD (49), 5DD (85), 8DD (119), 9DD (131), 10 (133), 21 (251)  Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 14DD (175), 15DD (187), 16DD (195)  Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 11DD (155), 13DD (179), 16 (201), 16DD (207), 17DD (216), 23DD (285), 25DD (312), 26DD (322), 27 (325), 27DD (331), 29DD (349)  Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 27 (403), 32DD (487)
L.8.1e  Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in voice and mood.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lesson 8DD (119) Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 4DD (175), 15DD (187), 16DD (195), 25 (293), 26 (305) Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 16 (201), 17DD (155), 27 (325), 29DD (349)
L.8.1f Form and use transitive/intransitive verbs.	Wit & Wisdom does not address transitive or intransitive verbs.
L.8.1g Form and use compound adjectives.	Wit & Wisdom does not address compound adjectives.
L.8.1h Use adverbs that modify adjectives.	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grades 2–4.

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
L.8.1i Use adverbs that modify adverbs.	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grades 2–4.
L.8.1j  Continue to produce complete sentences, while recognizing and correcting inappropriate fragments and run-on sentences.	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 4.
L.8.1k  Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound- complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 7.  Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 18DD (229), 19DD (241), 22DD (274), 30DD (366)  Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 20DD (272), 26DD (337)  Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 21 (309), 23DD (279), 24DD (304), 27DD (338), 28DD (351), 30 (365), 30DD (372)
L.8.11  Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, possessive).	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 6.  Grade 6, Module 2, Lessons 4DD (81), 5DD (94), 13DD (185), 34DD (373), 35DD (380)  Grade 6, Module 3, Lessons 19 (237), 24DD (294), 31 (351), 35DD (386), 36 (389), 37 (397), 37DD (402), 38 (403)  Grade 8, Module 4, Lesson 29 (323)
L.8.1m Use intensive pronouns.	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 6.  Grade 6, Module 2, Lessons 18DD (232), 19DD (244), 20DD (255), 27 (311), 34DD (373), 35DD (380)

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
L.8.1n  Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person.	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 6.  Grade 6, Module 3, Lessons 4DD (73), 5DD (87), 8, (115), 8DD (123), 9DD (134), 10DD (147), 15 (195), 15DD (201), 19 (237), 31 (351), 35DD (386), 36 (389), 37 (397), 37DD (402) 38 (403)  Grade 6, Module 4, Lessons 12 (153), 22 (257), 29 (335)
L.8.1o Recognize and correct vague pronouns.	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 6. Grade 6, Module 2, Lesson 27 (311) Grade 6, Module 3, Lesson 5DD (87) Grade 6, Module 4, Lessons 6DD (91), 8DD (114), 1DD (150), 12 (153), 12DD (161), 22 (257), 27 (307), 27DD (313), 29DD (328)
L.8.1p  Continue to ensure pronoun-antecedent agreement.	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 6. Grade 6, Module 3, Lessons 4DD (73), 5DD (87), 35DD (386) Grade 6, Module 4, Lessons 6DD (91), 8DD (114), 11DD (150), 12DD (161)
L.8.1q Recognize and apply the nominative case and objective case.	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 6. Grade 6, Module 2, Lessons 4DD (81), 5DD (94) Grade 6, Module 3, Lessons 24DD (294), 35DD (372), 37DD Grade 6, Module 4, Lesson 29 (323)
L.8.1r Continue to correctly use frequently confused words.	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 4.

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
L.8.1s  Explain the function of phrases and clauses in general and their function in specific sentences.	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 7.  Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 11DD (149), 25DD (329), 32DD (391), 34DD (407)  Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 11DD (164), 12DD (178),18DD (252), 20 (265), 24DD (319)  Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 14DD (176), 15DD (190), 16DD (204), 17DD (216), 21DD (263)
L.8.1t  Place phrases and clauses within a sentence and recognize/correct misplaced and dangling modifiers.	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 7. Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 16DD (230), 20 (265), 21DD (284), 30DD (372)
L.8.1u  Form and use indirect/direct objects.	Wit & Wisdom does not address indirect or direct objects.
L.8.1v  Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking.	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 6.  Grade 6, Module 1, Lessons 3DD (55), 23DD (257), 24DD (296), 25 (297), 29 (327), 30DD (334), 32DD (358), 33 (253), 33DD (358), 34 (359), 34DD (364)  Grade 6, Module 2, Lesson 23DD (351)  Grade 6, Module 3, Lessons 9 (125), 18 (225)

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
L.8.1w Identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 6.  Grade 6, Module 1, Lessons 3DD (55), 23DD (257), 24DD (269), 25 (271), 29 (317), 30DD (334), 32DD (350), 33 (353), 33DD (358), 34 (359), 34DD (364)  Grade 6, Module 2, Lesson 23DD (285)  Grade 6, Module 3, Lessons 9 (125), 18 (225)
L.8.2  Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing; demonstrate proficiency within the 6–8 conventions continuum.	See L.8.2a-i below for alignment to conventions continuum
L.8.2a Use punctuation to set off nonrestrictive/ parenthetical elements	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 6.  Grade 6, Module 2, Lessons 25DD (303), 27DD (316), 28DD (325), 31DD (348), 32DD (357), 33DD (364), 34DD (373)
L.8.2b Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives.	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 7.  Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 23DD (285), 26DD (323),28DD (344), 34DD (397)  Grade 7, Module 2, Lesson 26DD (337)  Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 2DD (55), 5DD (96), 6DD (105), 9DD (141), 33 (387), 35 (401), 36 (407), 37 (413), 37DD (416)
L.8.2c Use punctuation to indicate a pause or break.	Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 1DD (33), 3DD (60), 5DD (83), 35DD (403)

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
L.8.2d Use an ellipsis to indicate an omission.	Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 32DD (378), 33DD (388)
L.8.2e Use a semicolon to link two or more closely related independent clauses.	Wit & Wisdom does not address semicolons.
L.8.2f Use a colon to introduce a list or quotation.	Wit & Wisdom does not address colons.
L.8.2g Apply hyphen conventions.	Wit & Wisdom does not address hyphen conventions.
L.8.2h  Consistently apply conventional rules to spell words correctly.	Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 1DD (35), 32 (351)  Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 30DD (360), 31 (363), 31DD (369), 32DD (380), 36 (405)
L.8.2i  Continue to consult reference materials as needed to check and correct spellings.	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 3.

# **Language Standards**

**Vocabulary Acquisition and Use** 

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
L.8.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.	Grade 8 Modules 1-4 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.

L.8.3a	Grade 8, Module 1, Lesson 11 (143)
Use verbs in the active and passive voice and in the conditional and subjunctive mood to achieve particular effects.	Grade 8, Module 2, Lesson 2 (37)
	Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 16DD (207), 17DD (216), 25DD (312), 26DD (322), 27 (325), 27DD (331), 29DD (349)
	Grade 8, Module 4, Lesson 32 (369), 25DD (315), 26DD (325), 27DD (332), 30DD (357), 31DD (367), 32DD (374)

# **Language Standards**

**Vocabulary Acquisition and Use** 

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
L.8.4  Determine and/or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiplemeaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies: context clues, word parts, word relationships, and reference materials.	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 3DD (65), 4DD (75), 11DD (153), 12 (155), 12DD (163), 13DD (175), 15 (189), 15DD (197), 23 (267), 23DD (277), 24DD (287), 27DD (317), 29DD (335) 32DD (357), 33DD (365)  Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 1 (23), 1DD (34), 2DD (47), 2 (37), 3 (51), 4 (63), 6 (81), 6DD (91), 7DD (101), 8 (103), 8DD (111), 9 (113), 10 (123), 10DD (129), 11DD (138), 12 (141), 12DD (151), 13 (153), 17 (197), 18 (205), 18DD (216), 19 (219), 20 (231), 20DD (241), 22 (255), 22DD (267), 23 (269), 25 (293), 27 (315), 29 (337), 29DD (345) 30 (347), 30DD (357), 31 (359), 32 (371), 34DD (402)  Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 1 (21), 2 (37), 2DD (46), 3 (49), 4 (63), 6 (85), 6DD (97), 7 (99), 7DD (108), 8 (111), 9 (123), 9DD (132), 10 (135), 10DD (142), 11DD (155), 12 (157), 12DD (166), 14 (181), 14DD (188), 15DD (198), 18 (219), 18DD (230), 19 (233), 19DD (243), 20 (245), 20DD (253), 21 (255), 21DD (263), 22 (265), 22DD (273), 23 (275), 24DD (299), 30 (351), 30DD (360), 31DD (369) 33DD (389)  Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 1 (21), 2 (37), 4 (65), 5 (81), 7 (107), 10 (141), 12 (167), 13 (173), 15 (203), 17 (225), 17DD (235), 19 (247), 21 (275), 3DD (61), 10DD (151), 15DD (212), 17DD (235), 19DD (258), 20DD (272), 28DD (342), 29DD (349), 30DD (357), 31DD (3667), 32DD (374)
L.8.5  Demonstrate understanding of figurative language and nuances in word meanings.	See L.8.5a-c

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
L.8.5a	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 4 (67), 8DD (119), 21DD (257)
Interpret figures of speech in context based on grade 8 reading and content.	Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 9DD (121), 10 (123), 11 (131), 14 (165), 15 (177), 18 (205), 19 (219), 20 (231), 22 (255), 29 (337)
	Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 2 (37), 3 (49), 4 (63), 4DD (74), 5 (77), 6 (85), 8 (111), 9 (123), 10 (135), 11 (145), 19 (233), 20 (245), 20DD (253), 22 (265), 28 (333), 29 (339), 30 (351)
	Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 18 (237), 20 (261), 22 (283), 5DD (91), 6DD (103), 11DD (165)
L.8.5b	Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 15DD (197), 24DD (287)
Distinguish among the connotations of words with similar denotations.	Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 2DD (47), 4DD (70), 15 (177), 19 (219), 30DD (357), 31 (359), 32 (371)
	Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 2 (37), 2DD (46), 7DD (108), 9DD (132), 10 (135), 14 (181), 15DD (198), 21 (255)
	Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 15DD (212), 21 (275)
L.8.6	Grade 8 Modules 1-4
Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; develop 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.