## Sixth-Eighth Grade Selected English Language & Writing Standards

### Key Ideas & Details

#### Sixth
- Use quotes from a book/article, as well as clues, to support what the text says.
- Determine the central idea of a text and how it is told through particular details; provide a summary of the text with objective/neutral evidence.
- Describe how a particular story's events unfold in a series of episodes, as well as how the characters change as the story moves toward a resolution.

#### Seventh
- Cite several quotes, clues from the text, and events to support what the text says.
- Determine the central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text (how does it change?), provide an objective summary of the text.
- Analyze how particular elements of a story interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or central idea).

#### Eighth
- Cite the quotes and use clues that most strongly support what the text says.
- Determine the central idea of a text and identify how it changes over the course of the story, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text/story.
- Analyze how particular quotes made by characters in a story cause certain actions, reveal information about a character, or provoke a decision.

### Writing

#### Sixth
- Write arguments to support an idea with clear reasons and relevant quotes from the text.
  - a. Introduce an argument and organize the reasons and evidence clearly.
  - b. Support an argument with clear reasons and evidence, using credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic.
  - c. Establish and maintain a formal writing style.
  - d. Provide a concluding statement that connects to the argument.

#### Seventh
- Write arguments to support ideas with clear reasons and relevant quotes from the text.
  - a. Introduce an argument, acknowledge and address opposing arguments, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
  - b. Support an argument or counterarguments with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic.
  - c. Establish and maintain a formal writing style.
  - d. Provide a concluding statement that connects to the argument.

#### Eighth
- Write arguments to support ideas with clear reasons and relevant quotes from the text.
  - a. Introduce an argument, acknowledge and distinguish the argument from other opposing ideas, and organize the reasons and evidence clearly and with valid reasons.
  - b. Support an argument with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic.
  - c. Establish and maintain a formal writing style.
  - d. Provide a concluding statement that connects to the argument.
### Sample Activities & Online Resource to Practice with your Child at Home

**Sixth**
- Choose a social studies or science article on [https://www.dogonews.com/](https://www.dogonews.com/)
- Identify an opinion about the topic, develop reasons to support the opinion and cite examples from the text.
- To learn more about relevant and effective evidence to support your argument, view the following link: [https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/6c92dbfe-e060-48a6-b3ac-14064b8132ec/argumentative-essay-citing-and-analyzing-evidence/](https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/6c92dbfe-e060-48a6-b3ac-14064b8132ec/argumentative-essay-citing-and-analyzing-evidence/)
- Write notes about the purpose and appropriate use of evidence, such as quotes or events from a story.

**Seventh**
- Download books from Los Angeles City or County Libraries for free: [https://lacountylibrary.org/students/](https://lacountylibrary.org/students/) [https://www.lapl.org/studentsuccess](https://www.lapl.org/studentsuccess)
- Make a comic strip of 10 scenes identifying the essential events in the story. Explain why these are the main ideas.
- Practice organizing a 5-paragraph essay, starting with an outline, addressing prompts such as:
  - What are the benefits of learning online?
  - What are ways to stay healthy and safe when outside?
  - How can students continue learning from home for long periods of time?
- Proceed to transform your outline into a 5-paragraph essay, providing examples to support your opinion. [https://www.learningally.org/Portals/6/Docs/TeacherResources/LA_5-Paragraph-Essay-Template.pdf](https://www.learningally.org/Portals/6/Docs/TeacherResources/LA_5-Paragraph-Essay-Template.pdf)
- [https://www.slideshare.net/amontera/el-ensayo-de-5-prrafos](https://www.slideshare.net/amontera/el-ensayo-de-5-prrafos)

**Eighth**
- Learn about a 5-paragraph essay [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tim9oNxcIUI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tim9oNxcIUI) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uaniEKuscho](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uaniEKuscho)
- Write notes describing the sections included in a 5-paragraph essay.
- Write a 5-paragraph essay about a topic, a historical event, a theme in a book or a character using relevant and effective evidence. Answer the following prompt:
- What historical event has directly impacted your family and how?
- Is the process for electing a president in the United States fair?
- Who is your admired historical figure and why?
### Sixth–Eighth Grade Selected Mathematics Standards

#### Sixth

**Ratios and Proportional Relationships & Expressions and Equations**

- Understand ratios and rates, and solve problems involving proportional relationships (e.g., if it took 7 hours to mow 4 lawns, then at that rate, how many lawns could be mowed in 35 hours?)
- Write equations to solve word problems and describe relationships between quantities (e.g., the distance D traveled by a train in time T might be expressed by an equation D = 85T, where D is in miles and T is in hours).

**Measurement and Geometry**

- Reason about relationships between shapes to determine area, surface area, and volume

#### Seventh

**Ratios and Proportional Relationships & Expressions and Equations**

- Identify the constant of proportionality, or unit rate, in tables, graphs, equations, diagrams, and verbal descriptions of proportional relationships.
- Solve equations such as $\frac{1}{2} (x - 3) = \frac{3}{4}$ quickly and accurately, and write equations of this kind to solve word problems.

**Measurement and Geometry**

- Use formulas for the area and circumference of a circle and use them to solve problems
- Understand facts about supplementary, complementary, vertical, and adjacent angles in a multi-step problem to write and solve simple equations for an unknown angle in a figure

#### Eighth

**Ratios and Proportional Relationships & Expressions and Equations**

- Understand slope, and relating linear equations in two variables to lines in the coordinate plane.
- Solving linear equations (e.g., $-x + 5(x + \frac{1}{2}) = 2x - 8$); solving pairs of linear equations (e.g., $x + 6y = -1$ and $2x - 2y = 12$)
- Working with positive and negative exponents, square root and cube root symbols, and scientific notation (e.g., evaluating $\sqrt{36} + \sqrt{64}$; estimating world population as $7 \times 10^9$)

**Measurement and Geometry**

- Understanding congruence and similarity using physical models, transparencies, or geometry software (e.g., given two congruent figures, show how to obtain one from the other by a sequence of rotations, translations, and/or reflections)

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**Sample Activities & Online Resource to Practice with your Child at Home**

**Sixth Grade**

- Khan Academy – 6th Grade Math: [https://www.khanacademy.org/math/cc-sixth-grade-math](https://www.khanacademy.org/math/cc-sixth-grade-math)
- Khan Academy en Español – 6th Grade Math: [https://es.khanacademy.org/math/cc-sixth-grade-math](https://es.khanacademy.org/math/cc-sixth-grade-math)
- Math Games for 6th Grade: [https://www.hoodamath.com/games/sixth-grade.html](https://www.hoodamath.com/games/sixth-grade.html)
- Math Antics – Proportions: [https://youtube.com/USmit52yUGas](https://youtube.com/USmit52yUGas)

**Seventh Grade**

- Khan Academy – 7th Grade Math: [https://www.khanacademy.org/math/cc-seventh-grade-math](https://www.khanacademy.org/math/cc-seventh-grade-math)
- Khan Academy en Español – 7th Grade Math: [https://es.khanacademy.org/math/cc-seventh-grade-math](https://es.khanacademy.org/math/cc-seventh-grade-math)
- Math Games for 7th Grade: [https://www.hoodamath.com/games/seventh-grade.html](https://www.hoodamath.com/games/seventh-grade.html)
- Math Antics – Ratios and Rates: [https://youtube.com/RGznYUBVwql](https://youtube.com/RGznYUBVwql)

**Eighth Grade**

- Khan Academy – 8th Grade Math: [https://www.khanacademy.org/math/cc-eighth-grade-math](https://www.khanacademy.org/math/cc-eighth-grade-math)
- Khan Academy en Español – 8th Grade Math: [https://es.khanacademy.org/math/cc-eighth-grade-math](https://es.khanacademy.org/math/cc-eighth-grade-math)
- Math Games for 8th Grade: [https://www.hoodamath.com/games/eighth-grade.html](https://www.hoodamath.com/games/eighth-grade.html)
- Math Antics – Basic Linear Functions: [https://youtube.com/MXv6s9gTXg](https://youtube.com/MXv6s9gTXg)