

English/Language Arts • Unpacked Content

For the new Common Core State Standards that will be effective in all North Carolina schools in the 2012-13 school year

This document is designed to help North Carolina educators teach the ELA Common Core State Standards.

NCDPI staff are continually updating and improving these tools to better serve teachers.

What is the purpose of this document?

To increase student achievement by ensuring educators understand specifically what the new standards mean a student must know, understand and be able to do.

What is in the document?

Descriptions of what each standard means a student will know, understand, and be able to do. The "unpacking" of the standards done in this document is an effort to answer a simple question "What does this standard mean that a student must know and be able to do?" and to ensure the description is helpful, specific and comprehensive for educators.

How do I send Feedback?

We intend the explanations and examples in this document to be helpful and specific. That said, we believe that as this document is used, teachers and educators will find ways in which the unpacking can be improved and made ever more useful. Please send feedback to us at feedback@dpi.state.nc.us and we will use your input to refine our unpacking of the standards. Thank You!

Just want the standards alone?

You can find the standards alone at http://www.corestandards.org

CCR ANCHOR STANDARD	CCSS STANDARD	UNPACKING - ENGLISH I-II
College and Career Readiness	Reading Literature	
Anchor Standards for		
Reading		
		and Details
 Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas. 	1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. 2. Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.	Students are required to use textual evidence that is convincing and complete to support their ideas. Citing from the text may include a formal citation or a verbal reference. Analysis should include inferred and literal meanings. Students in the ninth grade should be introduced to the skill of determining the difference between "strong evidence" and insufficient or unreliable details. They should understand how much evidence is needed to support a claim. In grade 10, these skills should build as students continue to cite evidence both formally and informally. They should be able to distinguish between text that provides strong support and text that is not related, uncertain, or is insufficient as evidence. Their analysis should offer insights that show they can derive understanding from details that are directly stated as well as from those that are implied.
3. Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.	3. Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.	As students continue to determine theme in a text, they need to examine not only how a theme is developed but also how details in the story influence and mold a theme or central idea into being. Students will need to use the key details of a text to provide a summary that is free of personal opinions or feelings. Students are required to recognize complex characters and understand their role in a text. They need to identify the development of complex characters, explain their interactions with other characters, and tell how these characters contribute to plot or theme development.

Along with recognizing complex characters, ninth grade students should be able to identify the details that developed characters as complex rather than as static or flat. They should see how the author developed a complex character over the course of the text, consider how the character interacts with others, and begin to recognize how complex characters propel the action in the story or add to the development of a theme. Tenth grade students should work with more complex texts. Building on what they mastered in the ninth grade, these students need to be challenged to complete their analysis with strong textual support and deeper understanding of characterization.

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College and Career Readiness	Reading Literature	
Anchor Standards for		
Reading		
		Structure
4. Interpret words and phrases	4. Determine the meaning of	After determining the figurative and connotative meanings of
as they are used in a text,	words and phrases as they are	words, students need to consider the significant influence of the
including determining	used in the text, including	author's word choice as a whole on the text's tone or overall
technical, connotative, and	figurative and connotative	understanding. Students are asked to consider how an author
figurative meanings, and	meanings; analyze the	crafts the structure of a text to produce a particular effect.
analyze how specific word	cumulative impact of specific	Standard RL6 specifies world literature and requires students to
choices shape meaning or tone.	word choices on meaning and	examine a particular point of view or cultural experience found in
	tone (e.g., how the language	that body of literature. It is important that this is introduced in
	evokes a sense of time and	grade nine and studied more in-depth at grade 10 – using more
	place; how it sets a formal or informal tone).	complex literature and developing a deeper understanding of
5 Analyza the standard of	,	global perspectives.
5. Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific	5. Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to	
sentences, paragraphs, and	structure a text, order events	
larger portions of the text (e.g.,	within it (e.g., parallel plots),	
a section, chapter, scene, or	and manipulate time (e.g.,	
stanza) relate to each other and	pacing, flashbacks) create such	
the whole.	effects as mystery, tension, or	
the whole.	surprise.	
6. Assess how point of view or	6. Analyze a particular point of	
purpose shapes the content and	view or cultural experience	
style of a text.	reflected in a work of literature	
_	from outside the United States,	
	drawing on a wide reading of	
	world literature.	

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College and Career Readiness	Reading Literature	
Anchor Standards for		
Reading		
	<u> </u>	owledge and Ideas
7. Integrate and evaluate	7. Analyze the representation of	Students are asked to compare two works that use different
content presented in diverse	a subject or a key scene in two	artistic mediums (painting, poetry, sculpture) but share a common
formats and media, including	different artistic mediums,	subject. Beginning in the ninth grade students need to be able to
visually and quantitatively, as	including what is emphasized	evaluate various artistic mediums and integrate the
well as in words.	or absent in each treatment	understandings taken from each. It may be that students have not
	(e.g., Auden's "Musée des	had opportunities to view art critically and have not practiced
	Beaux Arts" and Breughel's	finding meaning in forms outside of text.
	Landscape with the Fall of	Students need to understand how an author uses source material
	Icarus).	in crafting a text, such as in allusions. They need to discover the
8. Delineate and evaluate the	8. (Not applicable to literature)	source the author has alluded to and be able explain how that
argument and specific claims in		material was changed by the author.
a text, including the validity of		
the reasoning as well as the		
relevance and sufficiency of the		
evidence.		
9. Analyze how two or more	9. Analyze how an author	
texts address similar themes or	draws on and transforms source	
topics in order to build	material in a specific work	
knowledge or to compare the	(e.g., how Shakespeare treats a	
approaches the authors take.	theme or topic from Ovid or the	
	Bible or how a later author	
	draws on a play by	
	Shakespeare).	

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College and Career Readiness	Reading Literature	
Anchor Standards for		
Reading		
		Level of Text Complexity
10. Read and comprehend	10. By the end of grade 9, read	Students should encounter appropriately complex texts at each
complex literary and	and comprehend literature,	grade level in order to develop the mature language skills and the
informational texts independently and proficiently.	including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 9–10 text	conceptual knowledge needed for success in school and life.
	complexity band proficiently,	Students will be able to determine when they are not
	with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.	comprehending and making meaning, and they will be able apply appropriate strategies in order to increase comprehension when faced difficult text.
		Effective scaffolding should allow the reader to encounter the text with minimal clarifications. It should not replace the text by translating its contents for students. Students should encounter appropriately complex texts at each grade level in order to develop the mature language skills and the conceptual knowledge needed for success in school and life. Effective scaffolding should allow the reader to encounter the text with minimal clarifications. It should not replace the text by translating its contents for students.
		Standard 10 defines a grade-by-grade "staircase" of increasing text complexity that rises from beginning reading to the college and career readiness level. Whatever they are reading, students must also show a steadily growing ability to discern more from and make fuller use of text, including making an increasing number of connections among ideas and between texts, considering a wider range of textual evidence, and becoming

	more sensitive to inconsistencies, ambiguities, and poor reasoning in texts. Students also acquire the habit of reading independently and closely, which are essential to their future success.

CCR ANCHOR STANDARD	CCSS STANDARD	UNPACKING - ENGLISH I-II
College and Career Readiness	Reading Informational	
Anchor Standards for		
Reading		
	Key Ideas	and Details
1. Read closely to determine	1. Cite strong and thorough	Students are required to use textual evidence that is convincing
what the text says explicitly	textual evidence to support	and complete to support their ideas. Citing from the text may
and to make logical inferences	analysis of what the text says	include a formal citation or a verbal reference. Analysis should
from it; cite specific textual	explicitly as well as inferences	include inferred and literal meanings. Students in the ninth grade
evidence when writing or	drawn from the text.	should be introduced to the skill of determining the difference
speaking to support conclusions		between "strong evidence" and insufficient or unreliable details.
drawn from the text.		They should understand how much evidence is needed to support
2. Determine central ideas or	2. Determine a central idea of a	a claim. In grade 10, these skills should build as students continue
themes of a text and analyze	text and analyze its	to cite evidence both formally and informally. They should be
their development; summarize	development over the course of	able to distinguish between text that provides strong support and
the key supporting details and	the text, including how it	text that is not related, uncertain, or insufficient as evidence.
ideas.	emerges and is shaped and	Their analysis should offer insights that show they can derive
	refined by specific details;	understanding from details that are directly stated as well as from
	provide an objective summary	those that are implied.
	of the text.	As students continue to determine a central ideal of a text in high
3. Analyze how and why	3. Analyze how the author	school, they need to examine not only how a central idea is
individuals, events, and ideas	unfolds an analysis or series of	developed but also how details in the text influence and add to a
develop and interact over the course of a text.	ideas or events, including the	central idea. Students will need to use the key details of a text to
course of a text.	order in which the points are	provide a summary that is free of personal opinions or feelings. Students need to examine how an author builds an opinion or a
	made, how they are introduced and developed, and the	students need to examine now an author builds an opinion of a study with key details, paying close attention to how the ideas are
	connections that are drawn	introduced, sequenced, and developed. Finding connections
	between them.	between ideas should be reviewed.
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Anchor Standards for		
Reading		
		Structure
4. Interpret words and phrases	4. Determine the meaning of	After determining the figurative, connotative, and technical
as they are used in a text,	words and phrases as they are	meanings of words and phrases as they are used in a text, students
including determining	used in a text, including	need to consider the significant influence of the author's word
technical, connotative, and	figurative, connotative, and	choice as a whole on the text's tone or overall understanding.
figurative meanings, and	technical meanings; analyze the	Ninth grade students should begin to understand that an author's
analyze how specific word	cumulative impact of specific	word choice is selective and deliberate. They should be aware that
choices shape meaning or tone.	word choices on meaning and	the collective effect of words influences the tone and meaning of
	tone (e.g., how the language of	text. By tenth grade, students should notice the connection
	a court opinion differs from	between the words that the author chose and the point that the
	that of a newspaper).	author was making.
5. Analyze the structure of	5. Analyze in detail how an	
texts, including how specific	author's ideas or claims are	When examining the development of an author's ideas, students
sentences, paragraphs, and	developed and refined by	should pay attention to how specific parts of the text enhance a
larger portions of the text (e.g.,	particular sentences,	thought or expand an idea. After establishing what an author's
a section, chapter, scene, or	paragraphs, or larger portions	purpose or point of view is in a text, they should examine how the
stanza) relate to each other and	of a text (e.g., a section or	language is used effectively especially considering any persuasive
the whole.	chapter).	techniques the author might use to influence readers.
6. Assess how point of view or	6. Determine an author's point	
purpose shapes the content and	of view or purpose in a text and	
style of a text.	analyze how an author uses	
	rhetoric to advance that point of	
	view or purpose.	

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College and Career Readiness	Reading Informational	
Anchor Standards for		
Reading		
		owledge and Ideas
7. Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse formats and media, including	7. Analyze various accounts of a subject told in different mediums (e.g., a person's life	When examining several texts that share the same subject but use different vehicles or modes to communicate, students should be able to judge what details are emphasized in each account. In the
visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.	story in both print and multimedia), determining which details are emphasized in each account.	ninth grade students should be able to recognize various accounts of a subject told in multiple forms and acknowledge characteristics of each. By tenth grade students should expand their reasoning to include what each version stressed or called
8. Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, including the validity of the reasoning as well as the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.	8. Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is valid and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; identify false statements and fallacious reasoning.	attention to and how that influenced the account. Students are asked to evaluate whether the reasoning an author uses is logical/ legitimate and if the evidence that is used is relevant to the argument or provides enough proof. They need to pinpoint any statements that are false and judge if any of the author's reasoning is misleading. Ninth grade students need to be able to evaluate sources. They need to understand what a reliable source is and what makes one questionable. In looking at an
9. Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.	9. Analyze seminal U.S. documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., Washington's Farewell Address, the Gettysburg Address, Roosevelt's Four Freedoms speech, King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail"), including how they address related themes and concepts.	author's argument, they need to question the facts presented and be able to objectively determine if they are indeed credible. Many students in the ninth grade still believe that if it is in print, it is true. Having the tools to legitimately evaluate sources is very important at this level. Ninth and tenth grade students will study and evaluate influential U.S. documents especially how they deal with similar themes and concepts. In grade nine these documents could be studied as part of the literary nonfiction genre. In grade ten they could be incorporated into the global perspective as a comparison to other similar documents from outside the U.S.

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College and Career Readiness	Reading Informational	
Anchor Standards for		
Reading		
		evel of Text Complexity
10. Read and comprehend	10. By the end of grade 9, read	Literary nonfiction includes the subgenres of exposition,
complex literary and	and comprehend literary	argument, and functional text in the form of personal essays,
informational texts	nonfiction in the grades 9–10	speeches, opinion pieces, essays about art or literature,
independently and proficiently.	text complexity band	journalism, and historical, scientific, technical or economic
	proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the	accounts (including digital sources) written for a broad audience.
	range	The Standards emphasize arguments and other literary nonfiction that contain informational text structures rather than narrative literary non-fiction that tells a story such as memoirs and biographies.
		Students should encounter appropriately complex texts at each grade level in order to develop the mature language skills and the conceptual knowledge needed for success in school and life.
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Standard 10 defines a grade-by-grade "staircase" of increasing text complexity that rises from beginning reading to the college and career readiness level. Whatever they are reading, students must also show a steadily growing ability to discern more from and make fuller use of text, including making an increasing number of connections among ideas and between texts, considering a wider range of textual evidence, and becoming more sensitive to inconsistencies, ambiguities, and poor reasoning in texts.

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College and Career Readiness	Writing	
Anchor Standards for		
Writing		
		and Purposes
1. Write arguments to support	1. Write arguments to support	The CCSS emphasize students' ability to produce strong
claims in an analysis of	claims in an analysis of	arguments on important topics or texts. Students in the ninth and
substantive topics or texts,	substantive topics or texts,	tenth grades should write argumentative papers that support their
using valid reasoning and	using valid reasoning and	analysis of a text or topic using enough relevant evidence to
relevant and sufficient	relevant and sufficient	legitimately support their claim(s). Students need to understand
evidence.	evidence.	how much evidence is needed to satisfactorily support a point. At
	a. Introduce precise claim(s),	the ninth grade level, students need to learn how to introduce their
	distinguish the claim(s)	argument(s) clearly and accurately with regard to counterclaims.
	from alternate or opposing	Students should build on this skill in the tenth grade with students
	claims, and create an	using concise and effective language that supports the
	organization that	organization of their argument. Students should structure their
	establishes clear	argument so that there is an association and correlation between
	relationships among	the claim(s), counterclaim(s), reasons, and evidence. As students
	claim(s), counterclaims,	develop their argument, they should treat their claims and
	reasons, and evidence.	counterclaims equitably taking into account what their audience
	b. Develop claim(s) and	knows as well as what concerns they might have. Students at this
	counterclaims fairly,	level should develop unity and consistency in their text with their
	supplying evidence for each	words and structure, paying attention to the relationships they
	while pointing out the	create between the claims, counterclaims, evidence, and reason.
	strengths and limitations of	They also should maintain an appropriate style and tone for the
	both in a manner that	task – omitting personal bias. Students should conclude with a
	anticipates the audience's	statement that supports the argument.
	knowledge level and	
	concerns.	
	c. Use words, phrases, and	
	clauses to link the major	

2. Write informative	cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims. d. Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing. e. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented. 2. Write informative/	Students are expected to write informative texts that examine and communicate complex ideas, concepts, or information clearly and accurately. They should effectively select, organize, and analyze their content. Selecting includes: • Using relevant and sufficient facts, definitions, details, and quotes • Using sources that are appropriate to task, audience, and purpose • Choosing precise words and domain-specific vocabulary Organizing includes: • introducing a topic • arranging ideas, concepts, and information to show interrelationships • formatting effectively
/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content. Deliverately.	explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content. a. Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures,	 formatting effectively developing a topic organizing graphics providing multimedia when useful using transitions to link together the major sections of the text Write a concluding statement that supports the information presented Choosing a formal style and objective tone Analyzing includes: Deciding what organization is most effective for purpose, audience, and task. Determining how many facts, definitions, details, quotations and other information are needed.

tables), and multimedia

- when useful to aiding comprehension.
- b. Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
- c. Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
- d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
- e. Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
- f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g.,

To be college- and career-ready writers, students must take task, purpose, and audience into careful consideration, choosing words, information, structures, and formats deliberately. These skills work in tandem with reading expectations--as expressed in the reading standards for informational texts--so that students are examining authors' craft and style and applying what they have observed to their own writing. In the ninth grade as students explore writing informational text they need to learn how to make deliberate choices as writers. They need to understand that establishing task, audience, and purpose prior to writing will then influence their word choice, the supporting details they choose, the tone they use, and the organizational features they will need to effectively communicate. Ninth graders should learn how to organize their writing. Often students do not see the correlation between developing a topic and organizing a paper. As students become more skilled with writing informational texts, they should pay more attention to the words they use to communicate ideas. They should develop a strong formal style appropriate for their task. They should be able to maintain a tone that is free of bias. They should learn how to integrate multimedia when appropriate and effective.

- 3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
- articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
- 3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
- a. Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create a smooth progression of experiences or events.
- b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
- c. Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.
- d. Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting,

Students are expected to write narratives – conveying an experience that is real or imagined – and using time as its deep structure. The writing should have form or structure based on a progression of events that build upon each other. As with all good writing, students should select effective details using precise language. They should establish point of view(s), introduce a narrator, provide characters, and present a situation. Students should be aware of and apply narrative techniques including dialogue, description, and plot in order to develop experiences, events, and/or characters choosing words that create vivid pictures. Students should provide a conclusion to the events they set out at the beginning of their narrative.

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and/or characters. e. Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.	

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College and Career Readiness	Writing	
Anchor Standards for		
Writing		
		tribution of Writing
4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the	4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the	High school students are expected to produce writing that is clear and understandable to the reader. Task (type of writing
development, organization, and	development, organization, and	assignment), audience (the intended reader), and purpose (the
style are appropriate to task,	style are appropriate to task,	writer's designated reason for writing) should be reflected in the
purpose, and audience.	purpose, and audience. (Gradespecific expectations for	student's style, organization, and development of a topic.
	writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)	Students should plan their writing, develop strong revising and editing skills, rewrite or try a different approach always mindful
5. Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.	5. Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.	of the audience and the purpose for the writing. They need to determine what details or information is most important for a particular audience and specific purpose. They need to understand writing as a process rather than solely as a product. Writing as a process requires thinking and being able to articulate those thoughts.
6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.	6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.	CCSS recognizes that students need to be able to use technology strategically when creating, refining, and collaborating on writing. Students should not only use technology for producing and publishing writing but also to collaborate with others.

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College and Career Readiness	Writing	
Anchor Standards for		
Writing		
		d Present Knowledge
7. Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.	7. Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of	In the CCSS research—both short, focused projects (such as those commonly required in the workplace) and longer term in depth research—is emphasized throughout the standards but most prominently in the writing strand since a written analysis and presentation of findings is so often critical. High school students need to learn how to synthesize information by combining parts from a variety of sources into a one unified understanding, achieving a new insight. To accomplish this, students need to be able to recognize what is important in a
8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.	the subject under investigation. 8. Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.	source, how it supports the topic, and how it relates to other source information. They need to find information that is relevant from reliable and authoritative sources. Students should be adept at using advance searches finding print and digital sources that answer their research question. They should know how to integrate the information effectively, avoiding plagiarism and using a standard format for citation.
9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to	9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to	
support analysis, reflection, and research.	support analysis, reflection, and research.	

- a. Apply grades 9–10 Reading standards to literature (e.g., "Analyze how an author draws on and transforms source material in a specific work [e.g., how Shakespeare treats a theme or topic from Ovid or the Bible or how a later author draws on a play by Shakespeare]").
- b. Apply grades 9–10 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is valid and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; identify false statements and fallacious reasoning").

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College and Career Readiness	Writing	
Anchor Standards for		
Writing		
	Range of	f Writing
10. Write routinely over	10. Write routinely over	CCSS expect students to have the flexibility, concentration, and
extended time frames (time for	extended time frames (time for	fluency to produce high-quality first draft text under a tight
research, reflection, and	research, reflection, and	deadline as well as the capacity to revisit and make improvements
revision) and shorter time	revision) and shorter time	to a piece of writing over multiple drafts when circumstances
frames (a single sitting or a day	frames (a single sitting or a day	encourage or require it.
or two) for a range of tasks,	or two) for a range of tasks,	
purposes, and audiences.	purposes, and audiences.	

CCR ANCHOR STANDARD	CCSS STANDARD	UNPACKING - ENGLISH I-II
College and Career Readiness	Speaking and Listening	
Anchor Standards for		
Speaking and Listening		
	Comprehension a	
1. Prepare for and participate	1. Initiate and participate	By the ninth grade, students will be accustomed to engaging in a
effectively in a range of	effectively in a range of	range of collaborative discussions. Students should begin to
conversations and	collaborative discussions (one-	become comfortable in engaging others in these discussions.
collaborations with diverse	on-one, in groups, and teacher-	Initiation of conversations may start by asking more questions,
partners, building on others'	led) with diverse partners on	reflecting on something that happened to the student personally,
ideas and expressing their own	grades 9–10 topics, texts, and	or connecting to observations and other reading experiences.
clearly and persuasively.	issues, building on others' ideas	
	and expressing their own	
	clearly and persuasively.	Students should produce the desired result of persuading others to
	a. Come to discussions	accept an individual viewpoint.
	prepared having read and	
	researched material under	To engage in effective and clear communication, students should:
	study; explicitly draw on	• Be prepared—read and identify relevant evidence from pertinent
	that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and	texts and other outside readings/experiences to support a point
	other research on the topic	and actively engage in meaningful and well-reasoned conversation.
	or issue to stimulate a	Conversation.
	thoughtful, well-reasoned	Work collaboratively with classmates—establish fair rules for
	exchange of ideas.	discussion and the ability to present differing opinions with
	b. Work with peers to set rules	civility. Students need to have an idea of what a GOOD
	for collegial discussions	discussion is to make those rulesprovide strong examples of
	and decision-making (e.g.,	collegial discussions so they may model their rules after these
	informal consensus, taking	examples.
	votes on key issues,	onumproof.
	presentation of alternate	• Keep conversation going—take smaller ideas and apply those to
	views), clear goals and	identify universal themes, engage less-vocal classmates in

	deadlines, and individual	discussions through probing questions, and hold participants
	roles as needed.	accountable for justifying their ideas.
	c. Propel conversations by	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	posing and responding to	
	questions that relate the	
	current discussion to	
	broader themes or larger	
	ideas; actively incorporate	
	others into the discussion;	
	and clarify, verify, or	
	challenge ideas and	
	conclusions.	
	d. Respond thoughtfully to	
	diverse perspectives,	
	summarize points of	
	agreement and	
	disagreement, and, when	
	warranted, qualify or justify	
	their own views and	
	understanding and make	CCSS integrates research throughout every domain. Technology
	new connections in light of	itself is changing quickly, creating a new urgency for students to
	the evidence and reasoning	be adaptable in response to change. Therefore, students in 9 th and
	presented.	10 th grade should integrate multiple and diverse sources of
2. Integrate and evaluate	2. Integrate multiple sources of	information. They also need to understand what a reliable source
information presented in	information presented in	is and what makes one questionable.
diverse media and formats,	diverse media or formats (e.g.,	
including visually,	visually, quantitatively, orally)	Students are asked to evaluate whether the reasoning a speaker
quantitatively, and orally.	evaluating the credibility and	uses is logical/ legitimate and if the evidence that is used is
	accuracy of each source.	relevant to the argument or provides enough proof. They need to
3. Evaluate a speaker's point of	3. Evaluate a speaker's point of	pinpoint any statements that are false and judge if any of the
view, reasoning, and use of	view, reasoning, and use of	speaker's reasoning is misleading. Students at this grade are
evidence and rhetoric.	evidence and rhetoric,	moving from passive listeners to active participants.
	identifying any fallacious	

reasoning or exaggerated or	
distorted evidence.	

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College and Career Readiness	Speaking and Listening	
Anchor Standards Speaking		
and Listening		
		owledge and Ideas
4. Present information,	4. Present information,	9 th and 10 th graders should be comfortable making their writing
findings, and supporting	findings, and supporting	appropriate for purpose, audience, and task. It should be a
evidence such that listeners can	evidence clearly, concisely, and	seamless transition to communicate information and evidence as a
follow the line of reasoning and	logically such that listeners can	speaker with this same focus on purpose, audience and task.
the organization, development,	follow the line of reasoning and	
and style are appropriate to	the organization, development,	
task, purpose, and audience.	substance, and style are	
	appropriate to purpose,	
	audience, and task.	Students in the ninth and tenth grade should concentrate on using
5. Make strategic use of digital	5. Make strategic use of digital	digital media in order to create an effect. Instead of just
media and visual displays of	media (e.g., textual, graphical,	incorporating digital media to make something that is visually
data to express information and	audio, visual, and interactive	appealing, choices should be made with purpose – to enhance the
enhance understanding of	elements) in presentations to	findings and reasoning of the finished product.
presentations.	enhance understanding of	
	findings, reasoning, and	
	evidence and to add interest.	Students will continue to learn to speak to a variety of audiences
6. Adapt speech to a variety of	6. Adapt speech to a variety of	and adapt speech as necessary. The discussion of formal English
contexts and communicative	contexts and tasks,	should take place so students understand that IM (Instant
tasks, demonstrating command	demonstrating command of	Messaging), text abbreviations, and slang are inappropriate in
of formal English when	formal English when indicated	most cases when presenting knowledge and ideas.
indicated or appropriate.	or appropriate.	

CCR ANCHOR STANDARD	CCSS STANDARD	UNPACKING - ENGLISH I-II
College and Career Readiness	Language	
Anchor Standards for		
Language		
		Standard English
1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. a. Use parallel structure.* b. Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, adverbial, participial, prepositional, absolute) and clauses (independent, dependent; noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings	To succeed academically and professionally, students must have a strong command of the grammar and usage of spoken and written standard English. Many of the conventions-related standards are as appropriate to formal spoken English as they are to formal written English. Language choice is a matter of craft for both writers and speakers. The inclusion of Language standards in their own strand should not be taken as an indication that skills related to conventions, knowledge of language, and vocabulary are unimportant to reading, writing, speaking, listening, and viewing; indeed, they are inseparable from such contexts.
2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when	and add variety and interest to writing or presentations. 2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when	* Parallel structure requires continual attention in higher grades as it is applied to increasingly sophisticated writing and speaking. Also at this grade level, specific attention is given to phrases and clauses.
writing.	writing. a. Use a semicolon (and perhaps a conjunctive adverb) to link two or more closely related independent clauses. b. Use a colon to introduce a	9 th and 10 th grade students should become more adept at using semicolons and colons.

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list or quotation.	
c. Spell correctly.	

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College and Career Readiness	Language	
Anchor Standards for		
Language		
	Knowledge	of Language
3. Apply knowledge of	3. Apply knowledge of	Students in the 9 th and 10 th grades will apply what they know
language to understand how	language to understand how	about language to understand HOW language will function in
language functions in different	language functions in different	various forms—how a student comprehends when reading and
contexts, to make effective	contexts, to make effective	listening and <i>how</i> a student uses style when speaking.
choices for meaning or style,	choices for meaning or style,	
and to comprehend more fully	and to comprehend more fully	As well, students at this level should be able to use style manuals
when reading or listening.	when reading or listening.	appropriate for the writing context.
	a. Write and edit work so that	
	it conforms to the	
	guidelines in a style manual	
	(e.g., MLA Handbook,	
	Turabian's Manual for	
	Writers) appropriate for the	
	discipline and writing type.	

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College and Career Readiness	Language	
Anchor Standards for		
Language		
		uisition and Use
4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.	 4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase. b. Identify and correctly use patterns of word changes that indicate different meanings or parts of speech (e.g., analyze, analysis, analytical; advocate, advocacy). c. Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to 	CCSS expect that students will grow their vocabularies through a mix of conversations, direct instruction, and reading. Students will determine word meanings, appreciate the nuances of words, and steadily expand their repertoire of words and phrases. This will be accomplished through use of the following: • context clues • patterns of word changes • dictionaries and thesauruses

5. Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.	find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning, its part of speech, or its etymology. 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). 5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. a. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., euphemism, oxymoron) in context and analyze their role in the text. b. Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations.	Students at this level should also be able to explain their understanding of figurative language, word relationships and subtle differences in word meanings. As well, students should be able to explore words that have similar literal meanings. Students at this level should be comfortable incorporating appropriate vocabulary into their modes of communication. They should take the initiative to accumulate vocabulary that is necessary to understand while reading, writing, speaking, and listening. General academic words are more likely to appear in written text rather than in speech they often represent subtle or precise ways to say relatively simple things (saunter instead of walk). They are highly transferable. Domain-specific words are specific to a domain or field of study.
6. Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase	6. Acquire and use accurately general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase	Because of their specificity and close ties to content knowledge, they are more common in informational texts. (CCSS, Appendix A, p.33)

important to comprehension or	important to comprehension or	
expression.	expression	