

Maryland College and Career Ready Standards for English Language Arts: Reading Information Text- Grade 9-10 (Grade-Level Band 8-12)

Reading Informational (RI) Anchor Standard 1: 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.

The Reading Informational Standard 1 emphasizes reading closely, making inferences, and citing textual evidence. This Standard is paired with:

- Writing Standards
- Language Standards
- Speaking and Listening Standards

Reading Informational Standard 1 at a Glance:

- Grades 6-8: Cite textual evidence to support analysis of explicit content and inferences.
- Grades 9-12: Cite strong and thorough textual evidence for explicit and implicit meaning.

Key Words/Terms: Close reading, ask and answer questions, key details, text-based evidence, explicit reference, cite, evaluate, infer, quote, implicit and explicit meaning

Reading Informational Standard 1 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grades 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
RI.8.1 Cite the textual evidence that	RI.9-10.1 Cite multiple pieces of	RI.11-12.1 Cite multiple pieces of
most strongly supports an analysis of	evidence that most strongly and	evidence that most strongly support
what the text says explicitly as well as	thoroughly support an analysis of	an analysis of what the text says
inferences drawn from the text.	what the text says explicitly as well as	explicitly as well as inferences drawn
	inferences drawn from the text	from the text including determining
		where the text leaves matters
		uncertain.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
• Explain the central ideas.	Explain the central ideas.	Explain the central ideas.
• Identify what is directly stated in	 Identify what is directly stated in the 	 Identify what is directly stated in the
the text.	text.	text.
Draw inferences.	Draw inferences.	Draw inferences.
Draw conclusions.	Draw conclusions.	Draw conclusions.
Verify or adjust predictions.Paraphrase and summarize.	Verify or adjust predictions.	Verify or adjust predictions.
• Select, determine, and state the	 Paraphrase and summarize. 	 Paraphrase and summarize.
piece of evidence, among	Determine and state multiple pieces	Determine and state multiple pieces
multiple sources that confirms	of evidence that confirm the meaning	of evidence that confirm the
the meaning of an informational	of an informational text.	meaning of an informational text.
text.	Identify multiple pieces of evidence to	Identify multiple pieces of evidence
 Among multiple pieces of 	suggest logically what might be true	to suggest logically what might be
evidence identify the piece of	about an author's purpose, opinion,	true about an author's purpose,
evidence that suggests logically	important ideas, etc.	opinion, important ideas, etc.
what might be true about an		

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
author's purpose, opinion, important ideas, etc.	 Analyze relevant denotative, connotative, and figurative language. 	 Analyze relevant denotative, connotative, and figurative language.
Use relationships between words for understanding.Distinguish between	 Evaluate available evidence for thoroughness, completeness, and relevance. 	 Evaluate available evidence for thoroughness, completeness, and relevance.
connotations and denotations of words for understanding.	 Explain and analyze complexities and ambiguities in informational text. 	 Explain and analyze complexities and ambiguities in informational text.

Reading Informational (RI) Anchor Standard 2: Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

The Reading Informational Standard 2 emphasizes reading closely, focusing on asking and answering questions to show understanding of informational text. Asking and answering questions requires students to make inferences and cite textual evidence. This Standard is paired with:

- Writing Standards
- Language Standards
- Speaking and Listening Standards

Reading Informational Standard 2 at a Glance:

- Grades 6-8: Determine a central idea, analyze its development, and summarize.
- Grades 9-12: Determine two or more central ideas, analyze development, and summarize objectively.

Key Words/Terms: Close reading, ask and answer questions, key details, text-based evidence, explicit reference, making inferences, citing textual evidence, main idea, text structure, retell, text support, main topic, theme

Reading Informational Standard 2 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
RI.8.2 Determine a central idea of a	RI.9-10.2 Determine a central idea of a	RI.11-12.2 Determine two or more
text and analyze its development over	text and analyze its development over	central ideas of a text and analyze
the course of the text, including its	the course of the text, including how	their development over the course of
relationship to supporting ideas;	it emerges and is shaped and	the text, including how they interact
provide an objective summary of the	refined by specific details; provide an	and build on one another to provide
text.	objective summary of the text.	a complex analysis; provide an
		objective summary of the text.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
 Determine and examine the relationships between and among ideas throughout a text. Present findings with sound, valid reasoning supported by relevant evidence in a focused, coherent manner. Synthesize relevant evidence to formulate a central idea. Paraphrase to state or compose an unbiased summary that includes a central idea and tracks its development throughout the text. Use a variety of transition words to convey relationships between and among ideas. 	 Objectively summarize a text by including the appropriate key ideas, issues, and specific details. Analyze ideas, issues, rhetorical devices, and specific details in a text that develop the central idea and/or claim. Analyze how multiple topics, central ideas, and/or claims interact in a text and explain how they clarify and extend meaning. 	 Objectively summarize a text by including the appropriate key ideas, issues, and specific details. Analyze how multiple topics, central ideas, and/or claims interact in a text and explain how they clarify and extend meaning. Analyze ideas, issues, rhetorical devices, and specific details in a text that develop multiple topics, central ideas and/or claims.

Reading Informational (RI) Anchor Standard 3: Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of text.

The Reading Informational Standard 3 emphasizes understanding main topics and ideas supported by key text details to understand relationships among historical events, ideas, and concepts. This Standard is paired with:

- Writing Standards
- Language Standards
- Speaking and Listening Standards

Reading Informational Standard 3 at a Glance:

- Grades 6-8: Analyze how people, ideas, and events are introduced, connected, and developed.
- Grades 9-12: Analyze how complex ideas or events are unfolded and refined over the course of a text.

Key Words/Terms: Close reading, ask and answer questions, key details, text-based evidence, explicit reference, making inferences, and citing textual evidence, main idea, text structure, retell, text support, explain, analyze, synthesize, summarize, relationships, interactions, interconnectedness, cause and effect, compare, concepts, text structure, signal words, historical text, scientific text, technical text

Reading Informational Standard 3 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
RI.8.3 Analyze how an author makes	RI.9-10.3 Analyze how an author	RI.11-12.3 Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and
connections among and distinctions between individuals, ideas, or events	crafts/unfolds an analysis of a series of ideas or events, including the	explain how specific individuals,
(e.g., through comparisons,	order in which the points are made,	ideas, or events interact and develop
analogies, or categories).	how they are introduced and	over the course of the text.
	developed, and the connections that are drawn between them.	

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
 Determine the likenesses or differences in the relationships between or among individuals, ideas, or events within an informational text. Identify how the differences or likenesses between or among individuals, ideas, or events are revealed. Draw conclusions about the effectiveness of the methods used to present the likenesses or differences between or among individuals, ideas, or events. 	 Analyze and explain the structure of an informational text and how it contributes to meaning and/or purpose. Analyze and explain the impact of events and individuals in informational texts. Analyze, explain, and evaluate the author's development of ideas and concepts within informational texts. Analyze and explain the interrelationships among ideas and concepts within informational texts. 	 Analyze and explain the structure of an informational text and how it contributes to meaning and/or purpose. Analyze, explain, and evaluate the author's development of complex ideas, concepts, events, and individuals within informational texts. Analyze and explain the interrelationship among complex ideas, concepts, individuals, and sequence of events within informational texts.

Reading Informational (RI) Anchor Standard 4: Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

The Reading Informational Standard 4 emphasizes vocabulary development and word meaning strategies. Students learn to understand words and phrases in context- whether technical, figurative, or everyday language. Students learn how word choices shape meaning or tone in a text and begin to notice how language adds meaning or emotion to writing. This Standard is paired with:

- Writing Standards
- Language Standards
- Speaking and Listening Standards

Reading Informational Standard 4 at a Glance:

- Grades 6-8: Determine meaning of words, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings.
- Grades 9–12: Interpret words/phrases and analyze their impact on meaning and tone.

Key Words/Terms: Context, academic vocabulary, morphology, root word, affixes, figurative language, determine meaning, clarify, context clues, vocabulary in context

Reading Informational Standard 4 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
RI.8.4 Analyze the impact of specific	RI.9-10.4 Analyze the cumulative	RI.11-12.4 Analyze how an author uses
word choices on meaning and tone,	impact of specific word choices on	and refines the meaning of a key
including analogies or allusions to	meaning and tone (e.g., how the	term or terms over the course of a
other texts; determine the meaning	language of a court opinion differs	text; determine the meaning of
of words and phrases as they are used	from that of a newspaper);	words and phrases as they are used
in a text, including figurative,	determine the meaning of words and	in a text, including figurative,
connotative, and technical meanings.	phrases as they are used in a text,	connotative, and technical
	including figurative, connotative, and	meanings.
	technical meanings.	

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
 Use evidence from an informational text to determine the effect of analogy and allusion to other texts on meaning of the text. Determine the meaning of figures of speech in context. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede). Determine the suggested meaning of connotations of words that address the same technical meaning. 	 Analyze the meaning, use, and effect of word connotations, multiple meanings, and technical vocabulary. Analyze the meanings of colloquialisms, idioms, figurative language, and other words and phrases as they are used in context and influence text meaning and tone. Analyze and explain the cumulative impact of the author's manipulation of language (syntax, diction) on meaning and tone. 	 Analyze the meaning, use, and effect of word connotations, multiple meanings, technical vocabulary, and above grade-level words. Analyze the meanings of colloquialisms, idioms, figurative language, and other words and phrases as they are used in context and influence text meaning and tone. Analyze, explain, and evaluate an author's deliberate manipulation of

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
 Examine word choice, relationships between words, and references to other texts as an aid to comprehension and a clue to tone. Gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension. 	Compare and contrast the syntax and tone of informational texts written for differing audiences and purposes.	 language (syntax, diction) to create meaning and tone. Trace and analyze the development of a key term(s) over the course of a text.

Reading Informational Anchor Standard 5: Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.

The Reading Informational Standard 5 emphasizes how texts are organized and how parts of a text—like sentences, paragraphs, or sections—work together to support understanding. They also learn to use text features (like bold words, headings, or links) to find and understand information efficiently. This Standard is paired with:

- Writing Standards
- Language Standards
- Speaking and Listening Standards

Reading Informational Standard 5 at a Glance: See General Reading Strategies Companion for before and during general reading strategies to support the during and after-reading expectations found below. This document also provides clarification of common terms used in the Standards.

- Grades 6-8: Determine and analyze how the author's point of view or purpose is conveyed.
- Grades 9-12: Analyze how an author's use of rhetoric advances purpose or point of view.

Key Words/Terms: Text features, academic and domain-specific vocabulary, print features (bold words, headings), graphic aids (charts, diagrams), organizational aids (table of contents, indexes), Informational aids (sidebars, glossaries), and digital features (hyperlinks, menus), structure types

Reading Informational Standard 5 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
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.	RI.9-10.5 Analyze in detail how an author's ideas or claims are developed and refined by particular sentences, paragraphs, or larger portions of a text (e.g., a section or chapter).	RI.11-12.5 Analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of the structure an author uses in his or her exposition or argument, including whether the structure makes points clear, convincing, and engaging.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
 Determine the development of an identified paragraph i.e., main idea and supporting details, cause and effect, examples, description. Determine the author's purpose for the identified paragraph. Determine the relationship among certain sentences within the paragraph. Draw conclusions about how the relationship among the sentences adds to the growth of an idea within the paragraph. Evaluate the effectiveness of the structure in presenting the information. 	 Analyze the effect of structural characteristics on meaning and/or purpose in an informational text. Describe the structure of an argument; identify its claims and evidence. Analyze and explain how an author deliberately manipulates language and text structures to develop and refine ideas or claims. 	 Analyze and evaluate the effect of the structural characteristics on meaning and/or purpose in an informational text. Describe the structure of an argument; identify its claims and evidence; and evaluate connections among evidence, inferences, and claims. Analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of an author's organization, structure, and syntax as they contribute to a text's overall meaning, purpose, and effect.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
• Use evidence from an informational		
text to support analysis of		
paragraph structure.		



Reading Informational (RI) Anchor Standard 6: Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text.

The Reading Informational Standard 6 blends author's purpose, point of view, visual literacy, and comprehension skills. This Standard is paired with:

- Writing Standards
- Language Standards
- Speaking and Listening Standards

Reading Informational Standard 6 at a Glance:

- Grades 6-8: Determine and analyze how the author's point of view or purpose is conveyed.
- **Grades 9-12:** Analyze how an author's use of rhetoric advances purpose or point of view.

Key Words/Terms: Text features, academic and domain-specific vocabulary, print features (bold words, headings), graphic aids (charts, diagrams), organizational aids (table of contents, indexes), Informational aids (sidebars, glossaries), and digital features (hyperlinks, menus), distinguish, main purpose, point of view, author's purpose/position, intent, perspective, persuasive strategies, illustrations, tone, bias

Reading Informational Standard 6 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
RI.8.6 Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze	RI.9-10.6 Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and	RI.11-12.6 Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text in which
how the author acknowledges and	analyze how an author uses rhetoric	the rhetoric is particularly effective;
responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints.	to advance that point of view or purpose.	analyzing how style and content contribute to the power and
viewpoints.	purpose.	persuasiveness of the text. or beauty
		of the text.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
 Identify the author's purpose (format, text features, key ideas) and point of view (word choice, punctuation, emphasis on ideas). Determine the difference between an author's position and any opposing positions. Examine the organization of the text to determine the transitions among ideas that signal and address opposing viewpoints. Use words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships between claims, counterclaims, and reasons. Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas. 	 Identify and explain an author's point of view or purpose in an informational text. Demonstrate understanding of rhetorical appeals. Analyze and explain the author's use of rhetoric and its contribution to meaning, point of view, and/or purpose of the text. 	 Identify and explain an author's point of view or purpose in an informational text. Demonstrate understanding of rhetorical appeals. Analyze and explain the author's use of rhetoric and its contribution to meaning, point of view, and/or purpose of the text. Explain how the author uses rhetoric most effectively. Explain how an author's style and content contribute to the power and persuasiveness of the text. or beauty of the text.

Reading Informational (RI) Anchor Standard 7: Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

The Reading Informational Standard 7: emphasizes integrating information across formats - especially visual, quantitative, and verbal. The Standard emphasizes comprehension, vocabulary development and text feature analysis. This Standard is paired with:

- Writing Standards
- Language Standards
- Speaking and Listening Standards

Reading Informational Standard 7 at a Glance:

- Grades 6-8: Integrate information from visual, oral, and quantitative sources.
- Grades 9-12: Analyze multiple formats to develop understanding of a subject.

Key Words/Terms: Text features, academic and domain-specific vocabulary, print features (bold words, headings), graphic aids (charts, diagrams), organizational aids (table of contents, indexes), Informational aids (sidebars, glossaries), and digital features (hyperlinks, menus), integrate, multimedia sources, quantitative data, audio/visual analysis

Reading Informational Standard 7 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
RI.8.7 Evaluate the advantages and	RI.9-10.7 Analyze various accounts of	RI.11-12.7 Integrate and evaluate
disadvantages of using different	a subject told in different mediums	multiple sources of information
mediums (e.g., print or digital text,	(e.g., a person's life story in both print	presented in different media or
video, multimedia) to present a	and multimedia), determining which	formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively)
particular topic or idea.	details are emphasized in each	as well as in words in order to
	account.	address a question or solve a
		problem.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
 Draw conclusions about the positive and negative aspects of a text, audio, or visual version as a means of presentation. Determine how sound and sight affect the perception of words. Assess the value of one medium versus another for presentation of a specific topic. Use evidence from informational sources to support analysis and research. 	 Analyze print, non-print, and digital text for relevant details that are emphasized in an informational text and that contribute to meaning. Compare, contrast, draw conclusions, and connect significant details and ideas between two different mediums. 	 Analyze print, non-print, and digital text for explicit details that are relevant to addressing a question or solving a problem. Compare, contrast, draw conclusions, and connect significant details and ideas between and among different media or formats. Evaluate information from multiple sources of print, non-print, and digital texts, for relevance, reliability, and validity.

Reading Informational (RI) Anchor Standard 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.

The Reading Informational Standard 8 emphasizes logical reasoning, text structure analysis, and comprehension. This Standard is paired with:

- Writing Standards
- Language Standards
- Speaking and Listening Standards

Reading Informational Standard 8 at a Glance:

- Grades 6-8: Compare how different authors present the same topic or event.
- Grades 9-12: Analyze how different authors address similar themes/concepts across seminal text.

Key Words/Terms: Trace, claims, points, evidence, evaluate, argument, validity, relevance, integrate

Reading Informational Standard 8 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
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.	RI.9-10.8 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.	RI.11-12.8 Delineate and evaluate the reasoning in seminal U.S. texts, including the application of constitutional principles and use of legal reasoning (e.g., in U.S. Supreme Court majority opinions and dissents) and the premises, purposes, and arguments in works of public advocacy (e.g., The Federalist, presidential addresses).

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
 Demonstrate knowledge of the organizational pattern of an argument. Assess the value of the argument based upon supported claims. Identify immaterial support. Assess the credibility and accuracy of evidence. Use knowledge of words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationship among claims and support. 	 Analyze and evaluate connections among evidence, inferences, and claims in an argument. Analyze an author's implicit and explicit assumptions and beliefs about a subject. Identify and explain common logical fallacies (e.g., the appeal to pity, the personal attack, the appeal to common opinion, the false dilemma). 	 Identify and explain constitutional principles and legal reasoning in seminal U.S. texts. Analyze and evaluate connections among evidence, inferences, and claims in an argument. Analyze an author's implicit and explicit assumptions and beliefs about a subject. Evaluate an author's reasoning by analyzing the manipulation of language, as well as the range, sufficiency, quality, credibility,

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
Delineate an argument and specific claims, evaluating the credibility of reasoning and the relevance and adequacy of the evidence.	 Evaluate the credibility of an author's argument by analyzing the manipulation of language, as well as the range, sufficiency, quality, relevance, and validity of the claims. Interpret, explain, and apply appropriate academic and/or domain-specific vocabulary when responding and discussing informational text 	relevance, and validity of evidence.

Reading Informational (RI) Anchor Standard 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.

The Reading Informational Standard 9 emphasizes analyzing how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take. The Standard emphasizes comparative analysis, synthesis, and media comprehension. This Standard is paired with:

- Writing Standards
- Language Standards
- Speaking and Listening Standards

Reading Informational Standard 9 at a Glance:

- Grades 6-8: Compare how different authors present the same topic or event.
- Grades 9-12: Analyze how different authors address similar themes/concepts across seminal text.

Key Words/Terms: Analyze, evaluate, compare, theme, topic, comparing approaches, synthesis, author comparison, interpretation, differences

Reading Informational Standard 9 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
RI.8.9 Analyze a case in which two or	RI.9-10.9 Analyze seminal U.S.	RI.11-12.9 Analyze seventeenth-,
more texts provide conflicting	documents of historical and literary	eighteenth-, and nineteenth-century
information on the same topic and	significance (e.g., Washington's	foundational U.S. documents of
identify where the texts disagree on	Farewell Address, the Gettysburg	historical and literary significance
matters of fact or interpretation.	Address, Roosevelt's Four Freedoms	(including The Declaration of
	speech, King's "Letter from Birmingham	Independence, the Preamble to the
	Jail"), including how they address	Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and
	related themes and concepts.	Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address) for
		their themes, purposes, and rhetorical
		features.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
 Compare and contrast opposing information about the same topic from multiple texts. Determine the credibility of each text. Examine opposing portions of each text for bias. Draw conclusions about the purpose of opposing facts or interpretation of the facts. 	 Analyze and explain the historical, cultural, and literary significance of specific seminal U. S. documents. Identify and explain themes and concepts common to specific time periods in American history. 	 Identify and explain themes and concepts common to specific time periods in American history. Analyze author's purpose in foundational U. S. documents of the seventeenth-, Eighteenth-, and nineteenth-centuries. Analyze and explain the historical, cultural, and literary significance of specific foundational U.S. documents of the seventeenth-,

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
		eighteenth-, and nineteenth- centuries.
		Compare, contrast and analyze the treatment of related themes, concepts, and rhetorical devices in foundational U.S. documents of the seventeenth-, eighteenth- and nineteenth centuries.



Reading Informational (RI) Anchor Standard 10: Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

The Reading Informational Standard 10 sets guidelines for general grade-level reading expectations found in Appendix A of the College and Career Readiness Standards. It addresses the types of books students should be exposed to, as well as how text complexity increases as students move through the grade level bands. This Standard is paired with:

- Reading Literacy Standards
- Speaking and Listening Standards

Reading Informational Standard 10 at a Glance:

- Grades 6-8: Read and comprehend literary nonfiction at the high end of the grade band.
- Grades 9-12: Independently and proficiently comprehend complex literary nonfiction.

Key Words/Terms: Text complexity bands, collaborative conversations, complex text, literary, informational, independently, proficiently, variety of genres, within/beyond text comprehension, activate background knowledge, visualize, infer, ask questions, determine important ideas, synthesize

Reading Informational Text Standard 10 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
RI.8.10 By the end of the year, read	RI.9-10.10	RI.11-12.10
and comprehend literary nonfiction at	By the end of grade 9, read and	• By the end of grade 11 , read and
the high end of the grades 6–8 text	comprehend literary nonfiction at	comprehend literary nonfiction in
complexity band independently and	the grades 9–10 text complexity	the grades 11-CCR text complexity
proficiently.	band proficiently, with scaffolding	band proficiently, with scaffolding
	as needed at the high end of the	as needed at the high end of the
	range.	range.
	By the end of grade 10, read and	• By the end of grade 12 , read and
	comprehend literary nonfiction at	comprehend literary nonfiction at
	the high end of the grades 9–10	the high end of the grades 11–CCR
	text complexity band	text complexity band
	independently and proficiently.	independently and proficiently.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
 Demonstrate understanding of a wide range of sufficiently complex literary nonfiction. Comprehend texts of steadily increasing complexity, with scaffolding as needed. 	 Demonstrate understanding of a wide range of sufficiently complex literary nonfiction. Comprehend texts of steadily increasing complexity, with scaffolding as needed. As an emerging adult reader, set personal reading goals to self-select and explore texts of different 	 Demonstrate understanding of a wide range of sufficiently complex literary nonfiction. Comprehend texts of steadily increasing complexity, with scaffolding as needed. As an emerging adult reader, set personal reading goals to self-select and explore texts of different

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade 8	Grade Level: Grade 9-10	Next Progression: Grade 11-12
	disciplines and increasing	disciplines and increasing
	complexity.	complexity.
	 Participate actively and 	Participate actively and
	appropriately in discussions about	appropriately in discussions about
	informational text.	informational text.



How is it assessed? Coming Soon!

State Assessment:

