

**Voyages in English 2011  
Grade 8  
Correlations to TX State Standards**

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**TEXAS §110.20. English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 8.**

**(b) Knowledge and skills.**

<b>(8.1) Reading/Fluency.</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
Students read grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. Students are expected to adjust fluency when reading aloud grade-level text based on the reading purpose and the nature of the text.		W1-CO; W2-CO; W3-CO; W4-CO; W5-CO; W6-CO; W7-CO; W8-CO
<b>(8.2) Reading/Vocabulary Development.</b>		
<b>Students understand new vocabulary and use it when reading and writing. Students are expected to:</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
(A) determine the meaning of grade-level academic English words derived from Latin, Greek, or other linguistic roots and affixes;		W2-L4; W5-L5; W6-L5
(B) use context (within a sentence and in larger sections of text) to determine or clarify the meaning of unfamiliar or ambiguous words or words with novel meanings;		W1-L5; W2-L2; W3-L4; W4-L4; W8-L5
(C) complete analogies that describe a function or its description (e.g., pen:paper as chalk: _____ or soft:kitten as hard: _____);		W4-CO;
(E) use a dictionary, a glossary, or a thesaurus (printed or electronic) to determine the meanings, syllabication, pronunciations, alternate word choices, and parts of speech of words.		W2-L4; W2-L5; W4-L4;
<b>(8.3) Comprehension of Literary Text/Theme and Genre.</b>		
<b>Students analyze, make inferences and draw conclusions about theme and genre in different cultural, historical, and contemporary contexts and provide evidence from the text to support their understanding. Students are expected to:</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
(A) analyze literary works that share similar themes across cultures;		W1-CO; W7-CO

<b>(8.4) Comprehension of Literary Text/Poetry.</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
Students understand, make inferences and draw conclusions about the structure and elements of poetry and provide evidence from text to support their understanding. Students are expected to compare and contrast the relationship between the purpose and characteristics of different poetic forms (e.g., epic poetry, lyric poetry).		W7-L5
<b>(8.5) Comprehension of Literary Text/Drama.</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
Students understand, make inferences and draw conclusions about the structure and elements of drama and provide evidence from text to support their understanding. Students are expected to analyze how different playwrights characterize their protagonists and antagonists through the dialogue and staging of their plays.		W7-CO; W7-L1; W7-L2; W7-L3; W7-WW
<b>(8.6) Comprehension of Literary Text/Fiction.</b>		
<b>Students understand, make inferences and draw conclusions about the structure and elements of fiction and provide evidence from text to support their understanding. Students are expected to:</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
(A) analyze linear plot developments (e.g., conflict, rising action, falling action, resolution, subplots) to determine whether and how conflicts are resolved;		W1-CO; W1-L1; W7-CO; W7-L1
(B) analyze how the central characters' qualities influence the theme of a fictional work and resolution of the central conflict; and		W1-CO; W1-L1; W7-CO; W7-L3
(C) analyze different forms of point of view, including limited versus omniscient, subjective versus objective.		W1-CO; W1-L1; W6-CO; W7-L3

<b>(8.7) Comprehension of Literary Text/Literary Nonfiction.</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
Students understand, make inferences and draw conclusions about the varied structural patterns and features of literary nonfiction and provide evidence from text to support their understanding. Students are expected to analyze passages in well-known speeches for the author's use of literary devices and word and phrase choice (e.g., aphorisms, epigraphs) to appeal to the audience.		W2-CO; W2-L1; W8-CO; W8-L1; W8-WW
<b>(8.8) Comprehension of Literary Text/Sensory Language.</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
Students understand, make inferences and draw conclusions about how an author's sensory language creates imagery in literary text and provide evidence from text to support their understanding. Students are expected to explain the effect of similes and extended metaphors in literary text.		W4-CO; W4-L5
<b>(8.9) Comprehension of Informational Text/Culture and History.</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
Students analyze, make inferences and draw conclusions about the author's purpose in cultural, historical, and contemporary contexts and provide evidence from the text to support their understanding. Students are expected to analyze works written on the same topic and compare how the authors achieved similar or different purposes.		W3-L2; W4-CO;
<b>(8.10) Comprehension of Informational Text/Expository Text.</b>		
<b>Students analyze, make inferences and draw conclusions about expository text and provide evidence from text to support their understanding. Students are expected to:</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
(A) summarize the main ideas, supporting details, and relationships among ideas in text succinctly in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;		W3-L5; W5-CO; W5-L1; W5-WW; W8-CO; W8-L1; W8-WW
(B) distinguish factual claims from commonplace assertions and opinions and evaluate inferences from their logic in text;		W5-CO; W5-L1; W5-L2; W5-WW; W8-CO; W8-L1; W8-WW

(C) make subtle inferences and draw complex conclusions about the ideas in text and their organizational patterns; and		W5-CO; W5-L1; W5-WW; W8-CO; W8-L1; W8-WW
(D) synthesize and make logical connections between ideas within a text and across two or three texts representing similar or different genres and support those findings with textual evidence.		W1-CO; W2-CO; W3-CO; W4-CO; W5-CO; W6-CO; W7-CO; W8-CO; W8-L1; W8-WW
<b>(8.11) Comprehension of Informational Text/Persuasive Text.</b> Students analyze, make inferences and draw conclusions about persuasive text and provide evidence from text to support their analysis. Students are expected to:		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
(A) compare and contrast persuasive texts that reached different conclusions about the same issue and explain how the authors reached their conclusions through analyzing the evidence each presents; and		W6-CO; W6-L1;
(B) analyze the use of such rhetorical and logical fallacies as loaded terms, caricatures, leading questions, false assumptions, and incorrect premises in persuasive texts.		W6-CO; W6-L3; W6-WW
<b>(8.12) Comprehension of Informational Text/Procedural Texts.</b> Students understand how to glean and use information in procedural texts and documents. Students are expected to:		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
(B) evaluate graphics for their clarity in communicating meaning or achieving a specific purpose.		W2-L6; W2-WW
<b>(8.13) Reading/Media Literacy.</b> Students use comprehension skills to analyze how words, images, graphics, and sounds work together in various forms to impact meaning. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth in increasingly more complex texts. Students are expected to:		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
(B) interpret how visual and sound techniques (e.g., special effects, camera angles, lighting, music) influence the message;		W1-L6; W2-WW
(C) evaluate various techniques used to create a point of view in media and the impact on audience; and		W2-WW; W6-L1; W6-L2; W6-L3
(D) assess the correct level of formality and tone for successful participation in various digital media.		W3-CO; W3-L2;
<b>(8.14) Writing/Writing Process.</b> Students use elements of the writing process (planning, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing) to compose text. Students are		

<b>expected to:</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
(A) plan a first draft by selecting a genre appropriate for conveying the intended meaning to an audience, determining appropriate topics through a range of strategies (e.g., discussion, background reading, personal interests, interviews), and developing a thesis or controlling idea;		W1-WW; W2-WW; W3-WW; W4-WW; W5-WW; W6-WW; W7-WW; W8-WW
(B) develop drafts by choosing an appropriate organizational strategy (e.g., sequence of events, cause-effect, compare-contrast) and building on ideas to create a focused, organized, and coherent piece of writing;		W1-WW; W2-WW; W3-WW; W4-L2; W4-L3; W4-WW; W5-WW; W6-L4; W6-WW; W7-WW; W8-WW
(C) revise drafts to ensure precise word choice and vivid images; consistent point of view; use of simple, compound, and complex sentences; internal and external coherence; and the use of effective transitions after rethinking how well questions of purpose, audience, and genre have been addressed;		W1-L5; W1-WW; W2-L3; W2-WW; W3-WW; W4-L1; W4-WW; W5-WW; W6-WW; W7-WW; W8-WW
(D) edit drafts for grammar, mechanics, and spelling; and		W1-WW; W2-WW; W3-WW; W4-WW; W5-WW; W6-WW; W7-WW; W8-WW
(E) revise final draft in response to feedback from peers and teacher and publish written work for appropriate audiences.		W1-WW; W2-WW; W3-WW; W4-WW; W5-WW; W6-WW; W7-WW; W8-WW
<b>(8.15) Writing/Literary Texts.</b>		
<b>Students write literary texts to express their ideas and feelings about real or imagined people, events, and ideas. The student is expected to:</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
<b>(A) write an imaginative story that:</b>		
(i) sustains reader interest;		W1-WW; W7-WW
(ii) includes well-paced action and an engaging story line;		W1-CO; W1-L1; W1-L3; W1-WW; W7-WW
(iii) creates a specific, believable setting through the use of sensory details;		W1-WW
(iv) develops interesting characters; and		W1-WW

(v) uses a range of literary strategies and devices to enhance the style and tone; and		W1-L3; W1-WW; W3-L4; W7-L3; W7-L4
<b>(B) write a poem using:</b>		
(i) poetic techniques (e.g., rhyme scheme, meter);		W7-L5
(ii) figurative language (e.g., personification, idioms, hyperbole); and		W4-L5; W7-L5
(iii) graphic elements (e.g., word position).		W7-L5
<b>(8.16) Writing.</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
Students write about their own experiences. Students are expected to write a personal narrative that has a clearly defined focus and includes reflections on decisions, actions, and/or consequences.		W1-CO; W1-L1; W1-L2; W1-WW;
<b>(8.17) Writing/Expository and Procedural Texts.</b>		
<b>Students write expository and procedural or work-related texts to communicate ideas and information to specific audiences for specific purposes. The student is expected to:</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
(A) write a multi-paragraph essay to convey information about a topic that:		
(i) present effective introductions and concluding paragraphs;		W5-CO; W5-L1; W5-WW
(ii) contains a clearly stated purpose or controlling idea;		W5-CO; W5-L1; W5-WW
(iii) is logically organized with appropriate facts and details and includes no extraneous information or inconsistencies;		W4-L3; W5-CO; W5-L1; W5-WW
(iv) accurately synthesizes ideas from several sources; and		W5-CO; W5-L1; W5-WW
(v) uses a variety of sentence structures, rhetorical devices, and transitions to link paragraphs;		W6-L4
(B) write a letter that reflects an opinion, registers a complaint, or requests information in a business or friendly context;		W3-CO; W3-L1; W3-WW; W5-L2
(C) write responses to literary or expository texts that demonstrate the use of writing skills for multi-paragraph essay and provide sustained evidence from the text using quotations when appropriate; and		www.voyagesinenglish.com
(D) produce a multimedia presentation involving text and graphics using available technology.		W2-WW;
<b>(8.18) Writing/Persuasive Texts.</b>		
<b>Students write persuasive texts to influence the attitudes or actions of a specific audience on specific issues. Students are expected to</b>		

<b>write a persuasive essay to the appropriate audience that:</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
(A) establishes a clear thesis or position;		W6-CO; W6-L1; W6-WW
(B) considers and responds to the views of others and anticipates and answers reader concerns and counter-arguments; and		W6-CO; W6-L1; W6-WW
(C) includes evidence that is logically organized to support the author's viewpoint and that differentiates between fact and opinion.		W5-L2; W6-CO; W6-L1; W6-L2; W6-WW
<b>(8.19) Oral and Written Conventions/Conventions. Students understand the function of and use the conventions of academic language when speaking and writing. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater complexity. The student is expected to:</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
(A) use and understand the function of the following parts of speech in the context of reading, writing, and speaking:		
(i) verbs (perfect and progressive tenses) and participles;	G4.6; G5.1–5.2	
(ii) appositive phrases;	G1.5; G5.4; G5.8; G8.8	
(iii) adverbial and adjectival phrases and clauses;	G2.5; G6.5; G7.4–7.5; G8.2–8.10	W3-CO; W3-L3; W5-L4
(iv) relative pronouns (e.g., whose, that, which);	G3.9	
(v) subordinating conjunctions (e.g., because, since); and	G9.4–9.5	W1-L4; W6-L4
(B) write complex sentences and differentiate between main versus subordinate clauses; and	G8.11; G11.1–11.11	W1-L4; W5-L4
(C) use a variety of complete sentences (e.g., simple, compound, complex) that include properly placed modifiers, correctly identified antecedents, parallel structures, and consistent tenses.	G8.1; G8.11; G9.6; G11.1–11.11	W1-L4
<b>(8.20) Writing/Conventions of Language/Handwriting. Students write legibly and use appropriate capitalization and punctuation conventions in their compositions. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater complexity. Students are expected to:</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
(A) use conventions of capitalization; and	G10.5	W3-CO;

(B) recognize correct punctuation marks including:		
(i) commas after introductory structures and dependent adverbial clauses, and correct punctuation of complex sentences; and	G10.1–10.2;	W2-L3; W3-CO;
(ii) semicolons, colons, hyphens, parentheses, brackets, and ellipses.	G10.2; G10.4	W3-CO;
<b>(8.21) Oral and Written Conventions/Spelling.</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
Students spell correctly. Students are expected to spell correctly, including using various resources to determine and check correct spellings.	G2.4; G4.3; G7.2; G9.5	W1-WW; W2-WW; W3-L4; W3-WW; W4-WW; W5-WW; W6-WW; W7-WW; W8-L5; W8-L5W8-WW
<b>(8.22) Research/Research Plan.</b>		
<b>Students ask open-ended research questions and develop a plan for answering them. Students are expected to:</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
(A) brainstorm, consult with others, decide upon a topic, and formulate a major research question to address the major research topic; and		W8-CO; W8-L1; W8-WW
(B) apply steps for obtaining and evaluating information from a wide variety of sources and create a written plan after preliminary research in reference works and additional text searches.		W5-L3; W8-CO; W8-L1; W8-WW
<b>(8.23) Research/Gathering Sources.</b>		
<b>Students determine, locate, and explore the full range of relevant sources addressing a research question and systematically record the information they gather. Students are expected to:</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
(A) follow the research plan to gather information from a range of relevant print and electronic sources using advanced search strategies;		W8-L1; W8-L2; W8-L4; W8-WW
(B) categorize information thematically in order to see the larger constructs inherent in the information;		W8-L1; W8-L2; W8-WW
(C) record bibliographic information (e.g., author, title, page number) for all notes and sources according to a standard format; and		W8-L1; W8-L3; W8-WW
(E) differentiate between paraphrasing and plagiarism and identify the importance of using valid and reliable sources.		W3-L5; W8-L3; W8-L4
<b>(8.24) Research/Synthesizing Information.</b>		
<b>Students clarify research questions and evaluate and synthesize collected information. Students are expected to:</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
(A) narrow or broaden the major research question, if necessary, based on further research and investigation; and		W8-L1; W8-L2; W8-WW

(B) utilize elements that demonstrate the reliability and validity of the sources used (e.g., publication date, coverage, language, point of view) and explain why one source is more useful than another.		W5-L3; W8-L1; W8-L4; W8-WW
<b>(8.25) Research/Organizing and Presenting Ideas. Students organize and present their ideas and information according to the purpose of the research and their audience. Students are expected to synthesize the research into a written or an oral presentation that:</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
(A) draws conclusions and summarizes or paraphrases the findings in a systematic way;		W3-L5; W8-L1; W8-WW
(B) marshals evidence to explain the topic and gives relevant reasons for conclusions;		W8-CO; W8-L1; W8-WW
(C) presents the findings in a meaningful format; and		W8-CO; W8-L2; W8-WW
(D) follows accepted formats for integrating quotations and citations into the written text to maintain a flow of ideas.	G10.3	W3-L5; W8-L3
<b>(8.26) Listening and Speaking/Listening. Students will use comprehension skills to listen attentively to others in formal and informal settings. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater complexity. Students are expected to:</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
(A) listen to and interpret a speaker's purpose by explaining the content, evaluating the delivery of the presentation, and asking questions or making comments about the evidence that supports a speaker's claims;		W1-L6; W2-L6; W3-L2; W3-L6; W4-L6; W5-L6; W6-L6; W7-L6; W8-L6
(B) follow and give complex oral instructions to perform specific tasks, answer questions, or solve problems; and		W2-L6; W3-L6
(C) summarize formal and informal presentations, distinguish between facts and opinions, and determine the effectiveness of rhetorical devices.		W1-L6; W2-L6; W3-L5; W3-L6; W4-L6; W5-L2; W5-L6; W6-L6; W7-L6; W8-L6

<b>(8.27) Listening and Speaking/Speaking.</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
Students speak clearly and to the point, using the conventions of language. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater complexity. Students are expected to advocate a position using anecdotes, analogies, and/or illustrations, and use eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, a variety of natural gestures, and conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively.		W1-L6; W2-L6; W3-L6; W4-L6; W5-L6; W6-L6; W7-L6; W8-L6
<b>(8.28) Listening and Speaking/Teamwork.</b>		
	<b>Grammar Section-Lesson</b>	<b>Writing Chapter-Lesson</b>
Students work productively with others in teams. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater complexity. Students are expected to participate productively in discussions, plan agendas with clear goals and deadlines, set time limits for speakers, take notes, and vote on key issues.		W1-WW; W2-WW; W3-WW; W4-WW; W5-WW; W6-WW; W7-WW; W8-WW