

Massachusetts Tutorials are designed specifically for the Learning Standards found in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to prepare students for the MCAS tests.

English Tutorials offer targeted instruction, practice and review designed to build students' communication and reading comprehension skills. They automatically identify and address learning gaps down to elementary-level content, using adaptive remediation to bring students to grade-level no matter where they start. Students engage with the content in an interactive, feedback-rich environment as they progress through standards-aligned modules. Reading comprehension modules strengthen students' critical analysis skills as they study how nonfiction and literature can be used to share ideas. Writing modules combine free response exercises with drafting strategies and exemplars to help students communicate clearly and credibly in narrative, argumentative, and explanatory styles. To develop skills specific to public discourse, speaking and listening modules guide students as they evaluate clips and readings from speeches and discussions. In language modules, students build foundational grammar skills they need to articulate their ideas and understand challenging words.

In each module, the Learn It and Try It make complex ideas accessible through focused content, guided analysis, multi-modal representations, and personalized feedback as students reason through increasingly challenging problems. The Review It offers a high impact summary of key concepts and relates those concepts to students' lives. The Test It assesses students' mastery of the module's concepts, providing granular performance data to students and teachers after each attempt. To help students concentrate on the content most relevant to them, unit-level pretests and posttests can quickly identify where students are strong and where they're still learning.

1. ELEMENTS OF LITERATURE 1

• IMAGERY

- **RL.9-10.4** Determine the figurative or connotative meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text; analyze the impact of words with multiple meanings, as well as symbols or metaphors that extend throughout a text and shape its meaning.
- **W.9-10.3.d** Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to describe settings and characters and establish mood and tone.

• FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

- **RL.9-10.4** Determine the figurative or connotative meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text; analyze the impact of words with multiple meanings, as well as symbols or metaphors that extend throughout a text and shape its meaning.
- **RI.9-10.4** Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another).
- **L.9-10.5.b** Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations.

• THEME

- **RL.9-10.2** 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 a text.
- **RL.9-10.3** 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.
- **RL.9-10.1** Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

2. ELEMENTS OF LITERATURE 2

• CONFLICT

- **RL.9-10.3** 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.

• CHARACTER TYPES

- **RL.9-10.3** 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.
- **RL.9-10.10** Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course. (See more on qualitative and quantitative dimensions of text complexity.)

• FORESHADOWING AND SUSPENSE

- **RL.9-10.5** Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure a text, order events within it (e.g., parallel plots), and manipulate time (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) create such effects as mystery, tension, or surprise.

3. READING STRATEGIES 1

• MAKING INFERENCES

- **RL.9-10.1** Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- **RI.9-10.1** Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

• DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

- **RL.9-10.1** Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- **RI.9-10.1** Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- **RI.9-10.3** Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.

• SYNTHESIZING IDEAS

- **W.9-10.1.a** Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
- **W.9-10.8** When conducting research, 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.
- **W.9-10.7** 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 the subject under investigation.

4. READING STRATEGIES 2

• IMPLIED MAIN IDEA

- **RL.9-10.1** Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- **RI.9-10.1** Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

- **RL.9-10.2** 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 a text.
- **RI.9-10.2** Determine a central idea of a text and analyze 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 a text.

- **DETERMINING AUTHOR'S PURPOSE**

- **RI.9-10.3** Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
- **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.9-10.6** Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how an author uses rhetoric to advance that point of view or purpose.
- **RI.9-10.2** Determine a central idea of a text and analyze 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 a text.
- **RI.9-10.1** Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

- **SUMMARY, ANALYSIS, AND CRITIQUE**

- **RL.9-10.2** 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 a text.
- **RI.9-10.2** Determine a central idea of a text and analyze 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 a text.
- **RL.9-10.7** Analyze a critical response to a work or body of literature (e.g., author documentary, book review); provide a summary of the argument presented and evaluate the strength of the evidence supporting it.
- **RI.9-10.3** Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
- **RI.9-10.9** Analyze seminal documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., Washington's Farewell Address, Lincoln's Second Inaugural and Gettysburg Addresses, Roosevelt's Four Freedoms speech, King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail"), including how they address related themes and concepts.

5. AUTHOR'S VOICE AND METHOD 1

- **ANALYZING AUTHOR'S STYLE**

- **RL.9-10.5** Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure a text, order events within it (e.g., parallel plots), and manipulate time (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) create such effects as mystery, tension, or surprise.
- **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.9-10.4** Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another).

- **ANALYZING AUTHOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

- **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.9-10.6** Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how an author uses rhetoric to advance that point of view or purpose.
- **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 or incomplete truths and fallacious reasoning.

6. AUTHOR'S VOICE AND METHOD 2

- **TONE AND MOOD**

- **RL.9-10.4** Determine the figurative or connotative meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text; analyze the impact of words with multiple meanings, as well as symbols or metaphors that extend throughout a text and shape its meaning.
- **RI.9-10.4** Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another).
- **W.9-10.1.d** Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
- **W.9-10.2.e** Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

- **WORD CHOICE**

- **RI.9-10.4** Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another).
- **W.9-10.1.d** Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
- **W.9-10.2.d** Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
- **W.9-10.2.e** Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
- **L.9-10.6** Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; independently research words and gather vocabulary knowledge.
- **RL.9-10.4** Determine the figurative or connotative meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text; analyze the impact of words with multiple meanings, as well as symbols or metaphors that extend throughout a text and shape its meaning.

7. STRATEGY 1

- **EVALUATING EVIDENCE**

- **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 or incomplete truths and fallacious reasoning.
- **RL.9-10.1** Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- **RI.9-10.1** Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- **W.9-10.9** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
- **SL.9-10.2** Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally), evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source.
- **SL.9-10.3** Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, identifying any fallacious reasoning or exaggerated or distorted evidence.

- **RHETORICAL TECHNIQUES**

- **RI.9-10.4** Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another).
- **RI.9-10.6** Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how an author uses rhetoric to advance that point of view or purpose.

- **FACT VERSUS OPINION**

- **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 or incomplete truths and fallacious reasoning.
- **W.9-10.8** When conducting research, 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.
- **W.9-10.9** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
- **SL.9-10.2** Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally), evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source.
- **SL.9-10.3** Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, identifying any fallacious reasoning or exaggerated or distorted evidence.

8. STRATEGY 2

- **ANALYZING AUDIENCE APPEALS**

- **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 or incomplete truths and fallacious reasoning.
- **W.9-10.1.b** Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.

- **CENTRAL IDEAS**

- **RL.9-10.2** 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 a text.
- **RI.9-10.2** Determine a central idea of a text and analyze 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 a text.
- **RI.9-10.3** Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
- **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).

9. STRATEGY 3

- **TEXT STRUCTURES AND DEVELOPMENT**

- **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.9-10.3** Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
- **W.9-10.1.a** Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
- **W.9-10.1.b** Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.

- **LOGICAL FALLACIES**

- **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 or incomplete truths and fallacious reasoning.
- **W.9-10.9** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
- **SL.9-10.2** Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively,

orally), evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source.

- **SL.9-10.3** Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, identifying any fallacious reasoning or exaggerated or distorted evidence.

10. TEXT CONNECTIONS 1

• PRINT AND NONPRINT TEXTS

- **RI.9-10.7** Analyze various accounts of a subject told in different mediums (e.g., a person's life story in both print and multimedia), determining which details are emphasized or deemphasized in each account.

• FOUNDATIONAL U.S. DOCUMENTS

- **RI.9-10.6** Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how an author uses rhetoric to advance that point of view or purpose.
- **RI.9-10.7** Analyze various accounts of a subject told in different mediums (e.g., a person's life story in both print and multimedia), determining which details are emphasized or deemphasized in each account.
- **RI.9-10.9** Analyze seminal documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., Washington's Farewell Address, Lincoln's Second Inaugural and Gettysburg Addresses, Roosevelt's Four Freedoms speech, King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail"), including how they address related themes and concepts.

• THEMES ACROSS CULTURES

- **RL.9-10.2** 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 a text.
- **RL.9-10.6** Analyze a case in which a character's point of view and actions signal acceptance or rejection of cultural norms or intellectual ideas of a period or place, drawing on a wide reading of world literature.

11. TEXT CONNECTIONS 2

• ANALYZING FICTION ACROSS MEDIUMS

- **RL.9-10.7** Analyze a critical response to a work or body of literature (e.g., author documentary, book review); provide a summary of the argument presented and evaluate the strength of the evidence supporting it.
- **RL.9-10.10** Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course. (See more on qualitative and quantitative dimensions of text complexity.)

• ANALYZING INTERPRETATIONS OF NONFICTION

- **RI.9-10.7** Analyze various accounts of a subject told in different mediums (e.g., a person's life story in both print and multimedia), determining which details are emphasized or deemphasized in each account.
- **RI.9-10.10** Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

• TRANSFORMING IDEAS

- **RL.9-10.6** Analyze a case in which a character's point of view and actions signal acceptance or rejection of cultural norms or intellectual ideas of a period or place, drawing on a wide reading of world literature.
- **RL.9-10.9** 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).
- **W.9-10.9** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.

12. TEXT ORGANIZATION 1

• CAUSE AND EFFECT

- **RI.9-10.3** Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
- **RL.9-10.3** 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.

- **COMPARE AND CONTRAST**

- **RL.9-10.7** Analyze a critical response to a work or body of literature (e.g., author documentary, book review); provide a summary of the argument presented and evaluate the strength of the evidence supporting it.
- **RL.9-10.9** 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).
- **RI.9-10.3** Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
- **W.9-10.9** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.

13. TEXT ORGANIZATION 2

- **CHRONOLOGY AND SEQUENCING**

- **RI.9-10.3** Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
- **W.9-10.3.c** Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.
- **RL.9-10.5** Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure a text, order events within it (e.g., parallel plots), and manipulate time (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) create such effects as mystery, tension, or surprise.

- **FLASHBACK AND FRAMING**

- **RL.9-10.5** Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure a text, order events within it (e.g., parallel plots), and manipulate time (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) create such effects as mystery, tension, or surprise.

14. SENTENCE STRUCTURE

- **SENTENCE STRUCTURE**

- **L.9-10.2.a** Use a semicolon (and perhaps a conjunctive adverb) to link two or more closely related independent clauses.
- **L.9-10.1.b** Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.

- **PARALLELISM AND VERB TENSE**

- **W.9-10.5.a** Demonstrate command of standard English conventions (as described in Language Standards 1–3 up to and including grades 9–10).
- **L.9-10.1.a** Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
- **L.9-10.1.c** Use parallel structure as a technique for creating coherence in sentences, paragraphs, and larger pieces of writing.

15. CLAUSES

- **CLAUSES**

- **L.9-10.1.b** Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
- **L.9-10.1.a** Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.

- **L.9-10.2.a** Use a semicolon (and perhaps a conjunctive adverb) to link two or more closely related independent clauses.

- **RESTRICTIVE AND NONRESTRICTIVE CLAUSES**

- **L.9-10.1.a** Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
- **L.9-10.1.b** Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.

16. PHRASES

- **PREPOSITIONAL AND INFINITIVE PHRASES**

- **L.9-10.1.a** Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
- **L.9-10.1.b** Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.

- **GERUND AND PARTICIPIAL PHRASES**

- **L.9-10.1.b** Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
- **L.9-10.1.a** Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.

- **APPOSITIVE AND ABSOLUTE PHRASES**

- **L.9-10.1.b** Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
- **L.9-10.1.a** Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.

17. PUNCTUATION

- **COLONS AND SEMICOLONS**

- **L.9-10.2.a** Use a semicolon (and perhaps a conjunctive adverb) to link two or more closely related independent clauses.
- **L.9-10.2.b** Use a colon to introduce a list or quotation.

- **COMMAS WITH PHRASES AND CLAUSES**

- **L.9-10.1.a** Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
- **L.9-10.1.b** Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
- **W.9-10.5.a** Demonstrate command of standard English conventions (as described in Language Standards 1–3 up to and including grades 9–10).

- **END MARKS**

- **L.9-10.2.b** Use a colon to introduce a list or quotation.

18. CONTEXTUAL CLUES I

- **USING CONTEXTUAL CLUES**

- **RL.9-10.4** Determine the figurative or connotative meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text; analyze the

impact of words with multiple meanings, as well as symbols or metaphors that extend throughout a text and shape its meaning.

- **RI.9-10.4** Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another).
- **L.9-10.4.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.
- **L.9-10.4.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).
- **L.9-10.5.a** Interpret figures of speech (e.g., euphemism, oxymoron) in context and analyze their role in the text.
- **L.9-10.6** Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; independently research words and gather vocabulary knowledge.

● ANALYZING FIGURES OF SPEECH AND IDIOMS

- **L.9-10.5.a** Interpret figures of speech (e.g., euphemism, oxymoron) in context and analyze their role in the text.
- **RI.9-10.4** Determine the figurative or connotative meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text; analyze the impact of words with multiple meanings, as well as symbols or metaphors that extend throughout a text and shape its meaning.
- **RI.9-10.4** Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another).
- **L.9-10.4.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.

19. CONTEXTUAL CLUES 2

● WORD PATTERNS

- **W.9-10.5.b** Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
- **L.9-10.4.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.
- **L.9-10.4.b** Identify and correctly use patterns of word changes that indicate different meanings or parts of speech (e.g., analyze, analysis, analytical; advocate, advocacy).
- **L.9-10.4.c** Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning, its part of speech, or its etymology.

● CONNOTATION AND DENOTATION

- **RI.9-10.4** Determine the figurative or connotative meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text; analyze the impact of words with multiple meanings, as well as symbols or metaphors that extend throughout a text and shape its meaning.
- **RI.9-10.4** Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another).
- **L.9-10.5.b** Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations.

20. USAGE

● FORMAL AND INFORMAL LANGUAGE

- **SL.9-10.6** Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or

appropriate.

- **RL.9-10.4** Determine the figurative or connotative meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text; analyze the impact of words with multiple meanings, as well as symbols or metaphors that extend throughout a text and shape its meaning.
- **RI.9-10.4** Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another).
- **W.9-10.1.d** Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
- **W.9-10.2.e** Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
- **W.9-10.5.b** Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
- **L.9-10.6** Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; independently research words and gather vocabulary knowledge.

- **SPELLING RULES**

- **L.9-10.2.c** Spell correctly, recognizing that some words have commonly accepted variations (e.g., catalog/catalogue).

21. USING GUIDES

- **USING THE DICTIONARY AND THESAURUS**

- **L.9-10.4.c** Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning, its part of speech, or its etymology.
- **L.9-10.4.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).
- **L.9-10.6** Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; independently research words and gather vocabulary knowledge.

- **USING STYLE GUIDES**

- **L.9-10.3.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.

22. BUILDING AN ESSAY

- **DETERMINING AN APPROPRIATE ESSAY FORMAT**

- **W.9-10.4** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

- **INTRODUCTIONS**

- **W.9-10.2.a** Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

- **CONCLUSIONS**

- **W.9-10.1.e** Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
- **W.9-10.2.f** Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

23. TECHNOLOGY

• INTEGRATING GRAPHICS AND MULTIMEDIA

- **W.9-10.6** Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, 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.
- **SL.9-10.2** Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally), evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source.
- **W.9-10.2.a** Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
- **SL.9-10.5** Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., audio, visual, interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest.

• WRITING AND TECHNOLOGY

- **W.9-10.6** Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, 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.
- **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 or incomplete truths and fallacious reasoning.

24. NARRATIVE WRITING

• SHORT NARRATIVES

- **W.9-10.3.b** Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
- **W.9-10.4** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- **W.9-10.3.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 an appropriate progression of experiences or events.

• NARRATIVE TECHNIQUES

- **W.9-10.3.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 an appropriate progression of experiences or events.
- **W.9-10.3.b** Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
- **W.9-10.3.c** Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.
- **W.9-10.3.e** Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.

25. EXPOSITORY WRITING

• EXPOSITORY THESIS STATEMENTS

- **W.9-10.2.a** Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

• EXPOSITORY PARAGRAPH DEVELOPMENT

- **W.9-10.2.a** Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

- **W.9-10.2.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.
- **W.9-10.2.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.

- **EXPOSITORY ESSAYS**

- **W.9-10.2.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.
- **W.9-10.2.f** Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
- **W.9-10.2.a** Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

26. ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING 1

- **ARGUMENTATIVE CLAIMS**

- **W.9-10.1.a** Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
- **W.9-10.1.b** Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.
- **W.9-10.1.c** Use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.

- **ARGUMENTATIVE PARAGRAPH DEVELOPMENT**

- **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 or incomplete truths and fallacious reasoning.
- **W.9-10.1.a** Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
- **W.9-10.1.b** Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.
- **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.9-10.6** Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how an author uses rhetoric to advance that point of view or purpose.

- **ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAYS**

- **W.9-10.1.a** Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
- **W.9-10.1.b** Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.
- **W.9-10.1.e** Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.

27. ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING 2

- **TYPES OF EVIDENCE**

- **W.9-10.1.a** Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
- **W.9-10.1.b** Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.
- **W.9-10.2.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.

- **CLAIMS AND COUNTERCLAIMS**

- **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 or incomplete truths and fallacious reasoning.
- **RI.9-10.1** Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- **W.9-10.1.b** Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.
- **W.9-10.1.a** Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
- **W.9-10.1.c** Use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.

28. RESEARCH

- **REFINING A RESEARCH QUESTION**

- **W.9-10.7** 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 the subject under investigation.
- **W.9-10.8** When conducting research, 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.

- **GATHERING INFORMATION**

- **W.9-10.2.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.
- **W.9-10.7** 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 the subject under investigation.
- **W.9-10.8** When conducting research, 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.

- **AVOIDING PLAGIARISM**

- **W.9-10.8** When conducting research, 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.

29. REVISION CONSIDERATIONS 1

- **PREWRITING**

- **W.9-10.2.a** Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
- **W.9-10.4** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- **W.9-10.5.a** Demonstrate command of standard English conventions (as described in Language Standards 1–3 up to and including grades 9–10).

- **UNITY AND FOCUS**

- **W.9-10.2.a** *Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.*
- **W.9-10.2.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.*
- **W.9-10.3.c** *Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.*
- **W.9-10.4** *Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.*
- **W.9-10.5.a** *Demonstrate command of standard English conventions (as described in Language Standards 1–3 up to and including grades 9–10).*
- **L.9-10.3.b** *Revise and edit work to decrease redundancy (ineffective repetition of ideas or details).*

- **WORDINESS AND REDUNDANCY**

- **W.9-10.3.d** *Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to describe settings and characters and establish mood and tone.*
- **W.9-10.5.a** *Demonstrate command of standard English conventions (as described in Language Standards 1–3 up to and including grades 9–10).*
- **W.9-10.5.b** *Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).*
- **L.9-10.3.b** *Revise and edit work to decrease redundancy (ineffective repetition of ideas or details).*

30. REVISION CONSIDERATIONS 2

- **TRANSITIONAL ELEMENTS**

- **W.9-10.1.c** *Use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.*
- **W.9-10.2.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.*
- **L.9-10.2.a** *Use a semicolon (and perhaps a conjunctive adverb) to link two or more closely related independent clauses.*

- **MAINTAINING A FORMAL STYLE**

- **W.9-10.1.d** *Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.*
- **W.9-10.2.e** *Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.*
- **W.9-10.5.b** *Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).*
- **W.9-10.2.d** *Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.*
- **L.9-10.6** *Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; independently research words and gather vocabulary knowledge.*

31. SPEAKING AND LISTENING

- **DISCUSSION GUIDELINES**

- **SL.9-10.1.a** *Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas.*
- **SL.9-10.1.b** *Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking*

votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

- **SL.9-10.1.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.*
- **SL.9-10.1.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 new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.*

- **ANALYZING AND DEVELOPING A SPEECH**

- **SL.9-10.3** *Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, identifying any fallacious reasoning or exaggerated or distorted evidence.*
- **SL.9-10.4** *Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, vocabulary, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and task.*
- **SL.9-10.6** *Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.*