



**DRIVE2LIFE  
COMMON CORE STANDARDS  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS\*  
GRADES 6-12**

**GRADE 6**

**READING INFORMATIONAL TEXT**

**Key Ideas and Details:**

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.6.3 – Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).

**WRITING**

**Text Types and Purposes:**

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.2 – Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.3 – Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

**Production and Distribution of Writing:**

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.4 – Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

**Research to Build and Present Knowledge:**

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.7 – Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.

**SPEAKING AND LISTENING**

**Comprehension and Collaboration:**

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.6.1 – Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.6.2 – Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study.

**Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas:**

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.6.4 – Present claims and findings, sequencing ideas logically and using pertinent descriptions, facts, and details to accentuate main ideas or themes; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

## GRADE 7

### READING INFORMATIONAL TEXT

#### Key Ideas and Details:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.7.1 – Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

### WRITING

#### Text Types and Purposes:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.7.2 – Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.7.3 – Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

#### Production and Distribution of Writing:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.7.4 – Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

#### Research to Build and Present Knowledge:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.7.7 – Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation.

### SPEAKING AND LISTENING

#### Comprehension and Collaboration:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.7.1 – Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.7.2 – Analyze the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how the ideas clarify a topic, text, or issue under study.

#### Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.7.4 – Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

## GRADE 8

### READING INFORMATIONAL TEXT

#### Key Ideas and Details:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.8.3 – Analyze how a text makes connections among and distinctions between individuals, ideas, or events (e.g., through comparisons, analogies, or categories).

### WRITING

#### Text Types and Purposes:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.8.2 – Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.8.3 – Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

#### Production and Distribution of Writing:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.8.4 – Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

**Research to Build and Present Knowledge:**

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.8.7 – Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.

**SPEAKING & LISTENING****Comprehension and Collaboration:**

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.8.1 – Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.8.2 – Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commercial, political) behind its presentation.

**Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas:**

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.8.4 – Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**GRADES 9-10****READING INFORMATIONAL TEXT****Key Ideas and Details:**

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.9-10.3 – Analyze how the 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 connections that are drawn between them.

**WRITING****Text Types and Purposes:**

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.2 – Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.9-10.3 – Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

**Production and Distribution of Writing:**

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

**Research to Build and Present Knowledge:**

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.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.

**SPEAKING & LISTENING****Comprehension and Collaboration:**

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.9-10.1 – Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9-10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.9-10.2 – Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source.

**Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas:**

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.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, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and task.

## GRADES 11-12

### READING INFORMATIONAL TEXT

**Key Ideas and Details:**

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.11-12.3 – Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.

### WRITING

**Test Types and Purposes:**

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.11-12.2 – Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.11-12.3 – Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

**Production and Distribution of Writing:**

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.11-12.4 – Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

**Research to Build and Present Knowledge:**

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.11-12.7 – 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.

### SPEAKING & LISTENING

**Comprehension and Collaboration:**

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.11-12.1 – Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11-12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.11-12.2 – Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) in order to make informed decisions and solve problems, evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source and noting any discrepancies among the data.

**Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas:**

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.11-12.4 – Present information, findings, and supporting evidence, conveying a clear and distinct perspective, such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning, alternative or opposing perspectives are addressed, and the organization, development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and a range of formal and informal tasks.