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<b>Grade 8 Informational Writing: Deconstructing Text, Writing Essays, Reports, Response to Text</b>							
<b>Literacy Launch</b>							
Lesson 1: Introducing Graphic Organizers		8.W.1.S, 8.W.2.S, 8.W.3.S	8.W.4.P (organization)				
Lesson 2: Recognizing Genre		8.W.1.S, 8.W.2.S, 8.W.3.S					
Lesson 3: Distinguishing Between Informational, Opinion, & Argumentative Writing		8.W.1.S, 8.W.2.S, 8.W.3.S	8.W.4.P (organization)				
Lesson 4: Analyzing Real-World Applications of Argumentative & Opinion Writing	8.RC.15.RI	8.W.1.S, 8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P (organization)				
Lesson 5: Strategic Reading-Informed Writing	8.RC.1.RF, 8.RC.2.RF, 8.RC.4.RF, 8.RC.12.RI	8.W.2.S					
Lesson 6: Strategic Reading: Organization and Text Conventions	8.RC.1.RF, 8.RC.2.RF, 8.RC.4.RF, 8.RC.12.RI	8.W.2.S					
Lesson 7: Close Reading Challenge	8.RC.1.RF, 8.RC.13. RI	8.W.2.S					
Lesson 8: Comparing Four Types of Writing	8.RC.1.RF, 8.RC.2.RF, 8.RC.3.RF, 8.RC.4.RF, 8.RC.6.RL,8.RC.12.RI	8.W.1.S, 8.W.2.S, 8.W.3.S				8.CC.1.SLC, 8.CC.2.SLC,8.CC.3.SLC , 8.CC.4.SLC, 8.CC.13.LB,	
Lesson 9: Introducing Literary Elements	8.RC.2.RF, 8.RC.3.RF, 8.RC.4.RF, 8.RC.6.RL,8.RC.7.RL					8.CC.2.SLC,8.CC.3.SLC , 8.CC.4.SLC, 8.CC.13.LB,	
Lesson 10: Writing a Literary Analysis Piece	8.RC.2.RF, 8.RC.3.RF, 8.RC.4.RF, 8.RC.6.RL,8.RC.7.RL	8.W.2.S				8.CC.2.SLC,8.CC.3.SLC , 8.CC.4.SLC, 8.CC.13.LB,	
Lesson 11: Analyzing Assignments for Givens and Variables	8.RC.4.RF		8.W.8.P				
Lesson 12: Introduction to Inferential and Evaluative Thinking	8.RC.2.RF, 8.RC.3.RF, 8.RC.4.RF, 8.RC.6.RL,8.RC.7.RL						

The Collaborative Communication standards not specifically stated in the alignment could easily be incorporated into any lesson, particularly the presentation standards. There are also a few Language Standards that are not explicitly taught in the Narrative and Informational Empowering Writers curriculum but could be readily integrated, including instruction on pronouns, commas, parentheses, and dashes. Additionally, the Empowering Writers Argumentative Guide will address many of the argumentative reading and writing standards for grades 6–8.

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<b>Section 1: Broad Yet Distinct Main Ideas/ Reasons</b>							
Lesson 1: Sort and Categorize	8.RC.2.RF	8.W.2.S					
Lesson 2: Compare these Pieces	8.RC.2.RF, 8.RC.12.RI	8.W.2.S					
Lesson 3: Pick, List, and Choose	8.RC.2.RF	8.W.2.S					
Lesson 4: Pick, List, Choose, Ask, Find	8.RC.1.RF	8.W.2.S					8.L.3.S
Lesson 5: Main Ideas- Don't Overlap Them	8.RC.3.RF, 8.RC.12.RI	8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P, 8.W.5.P				
Lesson 6: Main Ideas/ Reasons- Broad or Too Narrow?	8.RC.2.RF, 8.RC.12.RI	8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P, 8.W.5.P				
Lesson 7: Recognizing Givens and Variables	8.RC.4.RF	8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P, 8.W.5.P				
Lesson 8: Analyzing Response to Text Prompts and Assignments for Givens and Variables	8.RC.4.RF	8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P, 8.W.5.P				
Lesson 9: Generating Broad Yet Distinct Main Ideas	8.RC.1.RF	8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P, 8.W.5.P				8.L.3.S (extension)
Lesson 10: Alternatives to Boring, Redundant Main Idea Sentences		8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P, 8.W.5.P				8.L.5.S
Lesson 11: Revising Boring, Redundant Main Idea Sentences		8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P, 8.W.5.P, 8.W.10.P				
Lesson 12: Using a Thesaurus & Standard Proofreading/ Editing Marks			8.W.10.P				8.L.1.S, 8.L.3.S, 8.L.5.S
Lesson 13: Main Idea Blurbs into Sentences		8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P, 8.W.5.P, 8.W.6.P				
Lesson 14: Turning Questions/Prompts into Responses		8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P, 8.W.5.P				
Lesson 15: The Missing Main Idea		8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P, 8.W.5.P				
Lesson 16: Sentence Variety and Word Choice		8.W.2.S	8.W.6.P, 8.W.8.P		8.V.1, 8.V.5		8.L.1.S, 8.L.5.S
Lesson 17: Preparing to Write a Response to Text	8.RC.1.RF, 8.RC.3.RF, 8.RC.4.RF (including extension)	8.W.2.S	8.W.5.P, 8.W.7.P, 8.W.9.P, 8.W.12.P				
Lesson 18: Preparing to Respond in Writing to Multiple Texts	8.RC.1.RF, 8.RC.2.RF, 8.RC.3.RF, 8.RC.4.RF, 8.RC.6.RL, 8.RC.13.RI, 8.RC.14.RI (narrative and informational, could use audio of virtual fieldtrip to discuss how the multimedia is used to present information)	8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P, 8.W.5.P, 8.W.6.P, 8.W.7.P, 8.W.8.P, 8.W.9.P				

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<b>Section 2: Elaboration - Detail Generating Questions</b>							
Lesson 1: What Does it Look Like? Why is it Important? Grab Bag		8.W.2.S	8.W.7.P		8.V.1	8.CC.3.SLC, 8.CC.4.SLC, 8.CC.5.SLC	8.L.5.S
Lesson 2: Just Okay...or Much Better?	8.RC.2.RF	8.W.2.S					
Lesson 3: Sentence Matching	8.RC.2.RF	8.W.2.S	8.W.7.P			8CC.3.SLC, 8.CC.4.SLC, 8CC.5.SLC extension	
Lesson 4: Writing Sentences Using Detail-Generating Sentences		8.W.2.S	8.W.7.P		8.V.1		8.L.5.S
Lesson 5: Find the Overly General Words or Phrases		8.W.2.S	8.W.7.P, 8W.10.P		8.V.1		8.L.5.S
Lesson 6: Break Up That Grocery List!		8.W.2.S	8.W.6.P,8.W.7.P, 8.W.10.P		8.V.5		8.L.7.S
Lesson 7: Using Detail-Generating Questions		8.W.2.S	8.W.7.P, 8.W.10.P		8.V.5		8.L.5.S
Lesson 8: Flip the Sentence Subject!		8.W.2.S	8.W.6.P, 8.W.7.P, 8.W.10.P		8.V.5		8.L.7.S
Lesson 9: Reading and Summarizing Texts	8.RC.1.RF, 8.RC.3.RF, 8.RC.4.RF	8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P, 8.W.5.P, 8.W.7.P	8.W.15.R			8.L.3.S
Lesson 10: Comparing & Contrasting in Research Simulation Tasks	8.RC.3.RF, 8.RC.4.RF	8.W.2.S	8.W.7.P	8.W.13.R, 8.W.15.R			8.L.3.S
Lesson 11: Paraphrasing		8.W.2.S		8.W.15.R			
Lesson 12: Giving the Author Credit		8.W.2.S		8.W.16.R			

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<b>Section 3: Research</b>							
Lesson 1: Reading Strategically and Finding Information Within Text	8.RC.4.RF	8.W.2.S				8.CC.5.SLC	
Lesson 2: Research! Using Search Engines		8.W.2.S		8.W.14.R		8.CC.5.SLC	
Lesson 3: Images and Videos: Adding Descriptive Details and Generating Research Questions	8.RC.14.RI	8.W.2.S		8.W.14.R, 8.W.15.R		8.CC.5.SLC	
Lesson 4: Researching a Topic of Interest		8.W.2.S		8.W.13.R, 8.W.14.R, 8.W.15.R			
Lesson 5: Gleaning Information using Diagrams, Charts, Graphs, and Maps		8.W.2.S		8.W.11.R (extension)		8.CC.5.SLC	
Lesson 6: Taking Notes from Lectures & Multi-media Presentations	8.RC.14.RI	8.W.2.S					
Lesson 7: Research/ Take Notes/ Write/ Cite		8.W.2.S		8.W.14.R, 8.W.15.R, 8.W.16.R			
Lesson 8: Locating Golden Bricks for Research		8.W.2.S	8.W.7.P	8.W.15.R			
Lesson 9: Transitional Words and Phrases		8.W.2.S	8.W.8.P				
Lesson 10: Revise this Paragraph		8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P,8.W.5.P, 8.W.6.P,8.W.7.P, 8.W.8.P, 8.W.9.P, 8.W.10.P, 8.W.12.P				
Lesson 11: Writing a Paragraph Using Supporting Details		8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P,8.W.5.P, 8.W.6.P,8.W.7.P, 8.W.8.P, 8.W.9.P, 8.W.10.P, 8.W.12.P	8.W.13.R, 8.W.14.R, 8.W.15.R			
Lesson 12: Using Information from Multiple Sources		8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P,8.W.5.P, 8.W.6.P,8.W.7.P, 8.W.8.P, 8.W.9.P, 8.W.10.P, 8.W.12.P	8.W.13.R, 8.W.14.R, 8.W.15.R		8.CC.5.SLC	

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<i>Section 4: Introductions and Conclusions</i>							
Lesson 1: Leads and Topic Sentences		8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P,8.W.5.P,8.W.7.P				
Lesson 2: Writing an Attention- Grabbing Lead		8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P,8.W.5.P,8.W.7.P				
Lesson 3: Effective Topic Sentences	8.RC.12.RI	8.W.2.S					
Lesson 4: Writing Topic Sentences		8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P,8.W.5.P,8.W.7.P				
Lesson 5: Writing the Introduction Paragraph		8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P,8.W.5.P,8.W.6.P,8.W.7.P				8.L.3.S, 8.L.5.S
Lesson 6: Writing in Response to Text Introduction Paragraphs	C.1.RF, 8.RC.3.RF, 8.RC.4	8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P,8.W.5.P,8.W.6.P,8.W.7.P				8.L.3.S, 8.L.5.S
Lesson 7: Revising Dull Conclusion Paragraphs		8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P,8.W.5.P,8.W.6.P,8.W.7.P, 8.W.10.P				8.L.1.S, 8.L.5.S
Lesson 8: Revise this Conclusion Paragraph		8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P,8.W.5.P,8.W.6.P,8.W.7.P, 8.W.10.P				8.L.1.S, 8.L.5.S
Lesson 9: Definitive Words and Phrases and Informative Verbs		8.W.2.S	8.W.5.P,8.W.6.P,8.W.7.P				8.L.3.S
Lesson 10: The Hypothetical Anecdote		8.W.2.S	8.W.5.P,8.W.6.P,8.W.7.P				
Lesson 11: Analyzing More Complex Conclusions		8.W.2.S	8.W.5.P, 8.W.7.P				
Lesson 12: Crafting Powerful Conclusion Paragraphs		8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P,8.W.5.P,8.W.6.P,8.W.7.P, 8.W.10.P				8.L.1.S, 8.L.3.S, 8.L.5.S
Lesson 13: Broadening Your Topic		8.W.2.S		8.W.13.R			
Lesson 14: Writing Response to Text Conclusion Paragraphs	8.RC.1.RF, 8.RC.3.RF, 8.RC.4.RF	8.W.2.S	8.W.5.P, 8.W.7.P				8.L.1.S, 8.L.3.S, 8.L.5.S

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<b>Section 5: Authentic Writing Tasks</b>							
Lesson 1: 7-Day Process Writing		8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P, 8.W.5.P,8.W.6.P,8.W.7.P, 8W.8.P, , 8.W.9.P, 8.W.4.P,	Can bring in research standards if you would like this to also be a research writing piece	8.V.1, 8.V.5		8.L.1.S, 8.L.3.S,8.L.5.S, 8.L.7.S
Lesson 2: Identify the Theme	8.RC.2.RF, 8.RC.3.RF, 8.RC.4.RF	8.W.2.S	8.W.5.P,8.W.6.P,8.W.7.P, 8W.8.P, , 8.W.9.P, 8.W.10.P,8.W.11.P,8.W.12.P	8.W.13.R, 8.W.14.R, 8.W.15.R, 8.W.16.R	8.V.1, 8.V.5		8.L.1.S, 8.L.3.S,8.L.5.S, 8.L.7.S
Lesson 3: Read Like an Author	8.RC.5.RL, 8.RC.6.RL, 8.RC.7.RL , (could bring in 8.RC.8.RL, or 8.RC.9.RL, or 8.RC.10.RL depending on the text chosen for the task).	8.W.2.S	8.W.4.P, 8.W.5.P,8.W.6.P,8.W.7.P, 8W.8.P, , 8.W.9.P, 8.W.4.P,		8.V.1, 8.V.5		8.L.1.S, 8.L.3.S,8.L.5.S, 8.L.7.S
Lesson 4: Writing a Literary Analysis Exploring "Point of View"	8.RC.2.RF, 8.RC.3.RF, 8.RC.4.RF, 8.RC.7.RL	8.W.2.S	8.W.5.P,8.W.6.P,8.W.7.P, 8W.8.P, , 8.W.9.P,		8.V.1, 8.V.5		8.L.1.S, 8.L.3.S,8.L.5.S, 8.L.7.S