# READNG (Grades K-5, pp 11-14; Grades 6-12 pp 38-40)

## Key Ideas and Details

1. Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.

2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

3. Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

## Craft and Structure

4. Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

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

6. Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text.

## Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

7. Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse formats and media, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.*

   *See "Research to Build Knowledge" in Writing and "Comprehension and Collaboration" in Speaking and Listening.

8. Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, including the validity of the reasoning as well as the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.

9. Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.

## Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

10. Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

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# WRITING (Grades K-5, pp 18-21; Grades 6-12, pp 41-47)

## Text Types and Purposes

1. Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

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

4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

5. Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Writing Process)

6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

## Research to Build and Present Knowledge

7. Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

9. Draw evidence from literary and informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

## Range of Writing

10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
Common Core State Standards – College and Career Ready Anchor Standards

SPEAKING AND LISTENING

Comprehension and Collaboration

1. **Prepare for** and **participate effectively** in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

2. **Integrate and evaluate information** presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.

3. **Evaluate** a speaker’s point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric.

Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

4. **Present** information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

5. Make strategic use of **digital media** and **visual displays** of data to express information and enhance understanding of presentations.

6. **Adapt speech** to a variety of contexts and communicative tasks, demonstrating **command of formal English** when indicated or appropriate.

MEASURING TEXT COMPLEXITY

A Three-part Model for Measuring Text Complexity

1. Qualitative Dimensions
2. Quantitative Dimensions
3. Reader and Task Considerations

Qualitative Measures of Text Complexity

1. Levels of **Meaning** (literary texts) or **Purpose** (informational texts)
2. **Structure**
3. **Language** Conveniency and Clarity
   Knowledge Demands
4. **Life Experience** Knowledge (literary texts)
5. **Cultural/Literary** Knowledge (chiefly literary texts)
6. **Content/Discipline** Knowledge (chiefly informational texts)

LANGUAGE

Conventions of Standard English

1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of **standard English grammar and usage** when writing or speaking.

2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of **standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling** when writing.

Knowledge of Language

3. Apply knowledge of language to understand how **language functions** in different contexts, to make effective **choices for meaning or style**, and to **comprehend** more fully when reading or listening.

Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

4. Determine or clarify the **meaning** of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using **context clues**, analyzing meaningful **word parts**, and consulting general and specialized **reference materials**, as appropriate.

5. Demonstrate understanding of **word relationships** and **nuances** in word meanings.

6. Acquire and use accurately a range of **general academic** and **domain-specific words and phrases** sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate **independence** in gathering **vocabulary knowledge** when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

APPENDICES

A. Research Supporting Key Elements of the Standards (including Text Complexity)
B. Text Exemplars and Sample Performance Tasks
C. Samples of Student Writing

For further information:
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http://www.smarterbalanced.org/
MDE CCSS Initiative site:
http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_30334_51042-232021--,00.html