

LITERACY STANDARDS FOR READING IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES (RH) GRADES 6-8	LITERACY STANDARDS FOR READING IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS (RST) GRADES 6-8
➤ Key Ideas and Details	➤ Key Ideas and Details
L6-8RH1: Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.	L6-8RST1: Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts.
L6-8RH2: Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.	L6-8RST2: Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
L6-8RH3: Identify key steps in a text’s description of a process related to history/social studies (e.g., how a bill becomes law, how interest rates are raised or lowered).	L6-8RST3: Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.
➤ Craft and Structure	➤ Craft and Structure
L6-8RH4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.	L6-8RST4: Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to <i>grades 6–8 texts and topics</i> .
L6-8RH5: Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally).	L6-8RST5: Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to an understanding of the topic.
L6-8RH6: Identify aspects of a text that reveal an author’s point of view or purpose (e.g., loaded language, inclusion or avoidance of particular facts).	L6-8RST6: Analyze the author’s purpose in providing an explanation, describing a procedure, or discussing an experiment in a text.
➤ Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	➤ Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
L6-8RH7: Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.	L6-8RST7: Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).
L6-8RH8: Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment in a text.	L6-8RST8: Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text.
L6-8RH9: Analyze the relationship between a primary and secondary source on the same topic.	L6-8RST9: Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video or multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic.
➤ Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity	➤ Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
LITCC6-8RHSS10: By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.	L6-8RST10: By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

LITERACY STANDARDS FOR WRITING IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS GRADES 6-8 (WHST)
➤ Text Types and Purposes
L6-8WHST1: Write arguments focused on <i>discipline-specific content</i> .
a. Introduce claim(s) about a topic or issue, acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
b. Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant, accurate data and evidence that demonstrate an understanding of the topic or text, using credible sources.
c. Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
d. Establish and maintain a formal style.
e. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
L6-8WHST2: Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
a. Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
b. Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
c. Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
e. Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone.
f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
L6-8WHST3: (See note; not applicable as a separate requirement)
➤ Production and Distribution of Writing
L6-8WHST4: Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
L6-8WHST5: With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
L6-8WHST6: Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas clearly and efficiently.
➤ Research to Build and Present Knowledge
L6-8WHST7: 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.
L6-8WHST8: Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
L6-8WHST9: Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis reflection, and research.
➤ Range of Writing
L6-8WHST10: Write routinely over extended time frames (time for reflection and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.