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	L6-8RST1: Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and
secondary sources.	technical texts.
L6-8RH2: Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary	L6-8RST2: Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an
source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior	accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
knowledge or opinions.	
L6-8RH3: Identify key steps in a text's description of a process related to	L6-8RST3: Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out
history/social studies (e.g., how a bill becomes law, how interest rates are	experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.
raised or lowered).	
Craft and Structure	Craft and Structure
L6-8RH4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a	L6-8RST4: Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-
text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.	specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical
	context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics.
L6-8RH5: Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially,	L6-8RST5: Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including
comparatively, causally).	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	L6-8RST6: Analyze the author's purpose in providing an explanation, describing
purpose (e.g., loaded language, inclusion or avoidance of particular facts).	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,	L6-8RST7: Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words
videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.	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	L6-8RST9: Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments,
the same topic.	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	L6-8RST10: By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical
studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and	texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
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 *discipline-specific content*.

- 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.