



Interact Middle School Library
Grades: 6, 7, 8
States: Common Core State Standards

EMPIRES: A Simulation Exploring the First Civilizations of the Fertile Crescent
 Summary: Assuming the rotating roles of ruler, general, priest, scribe, and artisan, students work in cooperative groups to gain Civilization Points and advance from nomadic tribe to empire. (INT100)

Common Core State Standards

Language Arts

Grade: 6 - Adopted 2010

STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.6	Reading Standards for Informational Text
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.6.1	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.6.2	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
STANDARD	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).
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.6	Reading Standards for Informational Text
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Craft and Structure
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.6.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.6.6	Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.6	Reading Standards for Informational Text
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.6.7	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6	Writing Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD	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.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.2a	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.2b	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STRAND /	CCSS.ELA-	Writing Standards

DOMAIN	Literacy.W.6	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD	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. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.5	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.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6	Writing Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.7	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6	Writing Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Range of Writing
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.10	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 discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.6	Speaking and Listening Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD	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.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.6.1a	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.6.1b	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.6.1c	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.6	Speaking and Listening Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.6.6	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.6	Language Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.6.6	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Grade: 7 - Adopted 2010

STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.7	Reading Standards for Informational Text
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD	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.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.7.2	Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.

STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.7.3	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.7	Reading Standards for Informational Text
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Craft and Structure
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.7.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.7.6	Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author distinguishes his or her position from that of others.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7	Writing Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD	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.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7.2a	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7.2b	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7	Writing Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD	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. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7.5	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.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7	Writing Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD	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.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7.8	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.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7	Writing Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Range of Writing
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7.10	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 discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.7	Speaking and Listening Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD	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.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.7.1a	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic,

		text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.7.1b	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.7.1c	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.7.1d	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.7	Language Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.7.6	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Grade: 8 - Adopted 2010

STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.8	Reading Standards for Informational Text
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.8.1	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.8.2	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.8	Reading Standards for Informational Text
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Craft and Structure
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.8.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.8.6	Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8	Writing Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD	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.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8.2b	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8	Writing Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD	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. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8.5	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.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8	Writing Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD	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.

STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8.8	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.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8	Writing Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Range of Writing
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8.10	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 discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.8	Speaking and Listening Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD	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.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.8.1a	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.8.1b	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.8.1c	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.8.1d	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.8	Language Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.8.6	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Social Studies

Grade: 6 - Adopted 2010

STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8	Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.2	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.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3	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).
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8	Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Craft and Structure
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5	Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally).
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.6	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).

STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8	Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.7	Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.8	Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment in a text.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.9	Analyze the relationship between a primary and secondary source on the same topic.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8	Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.10	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8	Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.1	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.1c	Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.1d	Establish and maintain a formal style.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.1e	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8	Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2b	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2c	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2d	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2e	Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2f	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8	Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Text Types and Purposes

CLUSTER		
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.3	(See note; not applicable as a separate requirement)
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.3a	Note: Students' narrative skills continue to grow in these grades. The Standards require that students be able to incorporate narrative elements effectively into arguments and informative/explanatory texts. In history/social studies, students must be able to incorporate narrative accounts into their analyses of individuals or events of historical import.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8	Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8	Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.7	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.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.8	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.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.9	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis reflection, and research.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8	Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Range of Writing
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.10	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.

Grade: 7 - Adopted 2010

STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8	Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.2	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.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3	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).
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8	Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Craft and Structure
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5	Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally).

STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.6	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).
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8	Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.7	Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.8	Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment in a text.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.9	Analyze the relationship between a primary and secondary source on the same topic.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8	Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.10	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8	Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.1	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.1c	Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.1d	Establish and maintain a formal style.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.1e	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8	Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2b	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2c	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2d	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2e	Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2f	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND /	CCSS.ELA-	Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies

DOMAIN	Literacy.WHST.6-8	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.3	(See note; not applicable as a separate requirement)
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.3a	Note: Students' narrative skills continue to grow in these grades. The Standards require that students be able to incorporate narrative elements effectively into arguments and informative/explanatory texts. In history/social studies, students must be able to incorporate narrative accounts into their analyses of individuals or events of historical import.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8	Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8	Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.7	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.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.8	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.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.9	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis reflection, and research.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8	Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Range of Writing
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.10	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.

Grade: 8 - Adopted 2010

STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8	Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.2	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.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3	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).
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8	Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Craft and Structure
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.

STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5	Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally).
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.6	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).
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8	Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.7	Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.8	Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment in a text.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.9	Analyze the relationship between a primary and secondary source on the same topic.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8	Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.10	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8	Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.1	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.1c	Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.1d	Establish and maintain a formal style.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.1e	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8	Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2b	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2c	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2d	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2e	Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the

	Literacy.WHST.6-8.2f	information or explanation presented.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8	Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.3	(See note; not applicable as a separate requirement)
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.3a	Note: Students' narrative skills continue to grow in these grades. The Standards require that students be able to incorporate narrative elements effectively into arguments and informative/explanatory texts. In history/social studies, students must be able to incorporate narrative accounts into their analyses of individuals or events of historical import.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8	Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8	Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.7	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.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.8	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.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.9	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis reflection, and research.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8	Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Range of Writing
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.10	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.