Unit Overview	Content Elaborations	Unit Resources
The Power of Argumentation	Reading (I): The reader is able to separate the	Lesson 1: "Zoos Connect Us To the Natural
	text into parts for individual study and look for	World"
	evidence that helps the author convey the	
	intended message to the audience. The reader	Lesson 2: "Zoos: Myth and Reality
	also is tracing the development of the central	IS: Pro/Con list: Credibility vs. Bias
	idea and its relationship to supporting ideas.	
	An author may develop a central idea by	Lesson 3: "Gettysburg Address" (discovery
	making connections in text among and between	
	individuals and events. The reader understands	IS: Interpret argumentative techniques with
	that both print and non-print media can be used	the context (time, social and political factors)
	to present a message, perspective and/or	
	argument.	Lesson 4: "Position on Dodgeball in Physical
		Education" (pg. 986-987) and
	Writing: The writer is able to develop	"The Weak Shall Inherit the Gym" (988-990)
	complete, logically sequenced text with	IS: Compare/Contrast argumentative
	relevant, credible evidence and detail while	elements and techniques.
	critically acknowledging opposing claims.	-
	This evidence can be in the form of facts,	Lesson 5: "Should the Driving Age Be Raised
	examples, details and/or statistics and should	to 18?" (pg. 986-987)
	be presented logically so that writers can	
	clarify relationships between and among ideas.	Lesson 6: Newspaper/Magazine editorials
	Writers apply a multi-stage, reflective process	
	that requires planning and revising. The stages	
	in this process should consist of revision and	
	refinement of text that clarifies the intended	
	meaning, and enhances word choice, unity and	
	the coherence of thoughts, ideas and details.	
	Writers are able to activate prior knowledge	

	and engage in the process of inquiry and research. As writers encounter and gather new and relevant information, they assess whether the evidence is sound and recognize when it is irrelevant.	
	Speaking and Listening: Effective speakers prepare for a speech by considering audience and purpose. This awareness helps a speaker to compose and deliver presentations that are engaging, insightful and articulated in a clear, concise manner and to promote active audience engagement.	
	Language: The focus of this topic is the understanding that knowing and using writing conventions and grammatical structures help students communicate clearly and concisely. Students also possess the knowledge that language conventions are understood and applied in oral, auditory, written or viewed expression.	
Unit Vocabulary See selections for associated vocabulary	<ul> <li>Enduring Understandings (Big Ideas)</li> <li>Lesson 1: How do readers distinguish between primary and secondary sources to determine and evaluate the credibility of the information used in a text?</li> <li>Lesson 2: How does an author use interview to develop a central idea of a text?</li> </ul>	Connections

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Lesson 3: How does an author's use of sound bites, quotations, and images impact the development of a central idea over the course of a text?	
Lesson 4: How does bias influence the credibility of a text?	
Lesson 5: How do readers evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of an author's use of various mediums to present a particular topic or idea?	
Lesson 6: How do critical viewers assess and evaluate information and sources to make critical decisions?	

## Standards

CC\_Common Core State Standards - English Language Arts/Literacy (2010) - Grade 8 English Language Arts

Strand CCSS.ELA-Literacy.R.8 Reading

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.8 Informational Text

Key Ideas and Details

Anchor Standard RI.CCR.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.

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

Grade Level 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. Grade Level 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.

Craft and Structure

Anchor Standard RI.CCR.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.

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

Grade Level 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.

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Grade Level 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.

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

Anchor Standard RI.CCR.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. Anchor Standard RI.CCR.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.

Grade Level Standard CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.8.8 Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced.

Grade Level Standard CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.8.9 Analyze a case in which two or more texts provide conflicting information on the same topic and identify where the texts disagree on matters of fact or interpretation.

Strand CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8 Writing

Text Types and Purposes

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

Anchor Standard W.CCR.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.

Grade Level Standard CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8.1 Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

Grade Level 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.

Research to Build and Present Knowledge

Anchor Standard W.CCR.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.

Anchor Standard W.CCR.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

Grade Level 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.

Grade Level Standard CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

Strand CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.8 Language

Conventions of Standard English

Anchor Standard L.CCR.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

Anchor Standard L.CCR.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

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Student Assessment	Unit Refection
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Content	Skills	Assessment

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B. "Zoos: Myth and Reality"	1. Analyze a case in which two or more texts provide	
C. "The Gettysburg Address"	conflicting information on the same topic and identify where	
D. "Position On Dodgeball In Physical Education"	the texts disagree on matters of fact or interpretation. RI8.9	
E. "Should the Driving Age Be Raised To 18?"	2. Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons	
F. Newspaper/Magazine Editorials	and relevant evidence. W8.1	
	3. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative	
	discussions (one on one, in groups, and teacher led) with	
	diverse partners on grade level topics, texts, and issues,	
	building on others ideas and expressing their own clearly.	
	SL8.1	
	4. Analyze the purpose of information presented in	
	diverse media and formats and evaluate the motives behind its	
	presentation. SL8.2	
	B. "Zoos: Myth and Reality"	
	1. Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific	
	claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and	
	the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when	
	irrelevant evidence is introduced. RI8.8	
	2. 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. W8.8	
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	an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences	
	drawn from the text. RI8.1	
	2. Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its	
	develop over the course of the text, including its relationship to	
	supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.	
	RI8.2	
	3. Determine author's point of view or purpose in a text	
	and analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to	
	conflicting evidence or viewpoints. RI8.6	
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	conflicting information on the same topic and identify where	
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