### SPEAKING AND LISTENING STANDARDS

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- L.7.1: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.
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### WRITING STANDARDS

- L.8.6: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, descriptive details, and clear events.
- L.8.7: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, facts, and details.
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### CLOSE READING NOTES

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- RI.6.2: Identify the purpose of a document and analyze its development and structure.
- RI.6.8: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings.
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- RI.7.7: Use key words and phrases as a guide to understanding a text.
- RI.7.8: Analyze how the author supports specific points in a text, distinguishing claims from evidence.
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### GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS

- Graphic organizers support student understanding and retention of key concepts.
- Graphic organizers can include visual aids such as charts, diagrams, and flowcharts.

### ELABORATION ACTIVITIES

- Activities and Writing Tasks challenge students to evaluate the evidence and reasoning an author uses to support claims.
- Activities and Writing Tasks encourage students to synthesize information from multiple sources.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion questions challenge students to think critically about the text and its implications.
- Discussion questions often challenge students to discover the main ideas and themes of the text.

### Extended Activities in the Teacher's Guide

- Extended Activities in the Teacher's Guide provide opportunities for students to deepen their understanding of the text.
- Extended Activities in the Teacher's Guide often include projects and assignments that require students to apply their knowledge in practical contexts.

### TIME EDGE ARTICLES

- TIME Edge articles can serve as mentor texts for students, providing examples of effective writing and communication.
- TIME Edge articles often include visual aids such as photographs and illustrations to enhance understanding.

### PRINTABLES

- Printables support students in identifying key ideas and concepts in the text.
- Printables often include questions and exercises that help students develop critical thinking skills.

### ESSAY WRITING TASKS

- Essay writing tasks challenge students to produce and publish writing as well as to revise and improve their work.
- Essay writing tasks often include guidelines for organizing and developing ideas, such as an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion.

### TECHNOLOGY AND WRITING

- Activities and Writing Tasks provide opportunities for students to use technology to enhance their writing skills.
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