	Eleventh & Twelfth Grade ELA	
	Essential Standards	
	2019-2020	
	Writing	
Essential	Text Types and Purposes Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive	Claims
Standard	topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient	analysis
W.11-12.1	evidence	reasoning
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		sufficient
		evidence
W.11-12.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey	informative
	complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately	explanatory
	through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of	, ,
	content	
W.11-12.3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events	
	using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured	
	event sequences.	
	Production and Distribution of Writing	
Essential	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development,	coherent
Standard W.	organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and	
11-12.4	audience. (Grade specific expectations for writing types are	
	defined in Writing Standards 1-3.)	
W.11-12.5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising,	
	editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing	
	what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.	
W.11-12.6	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, publish, and	
	update individual or shared writing products in response to	
	ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.	
Facounties	Research to Build and Present Knowledge	
Essential	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to	
Standard W.11-12.7	answer a question (including self-generated questions) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate;	
AA.TT-TC./	synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating	
	understanding of the subject under investigation.	
Essential	Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and	integrate,
Standard	digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the	plagiarism,
W.11-12.8	strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task,	piagiai isiii,
	purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text	
	selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and	
	overreliance on any one source and following a standard format	
	for citation.	
Essential	Draw evidence from grades 11-12 literary or informational texts, to	
Standard	support analysis, reflection, and research	
W.11-12.9		

	Language in Writing	
Essential	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English	syntax,
Standard	grammar and usage when writing.	
W.11-12.10	 Vary syntax for effect, consulting references for guidance as needed. 	
	b. Apply the understanding that usage is a matter of	
	convention, can change over time, and is sometimes contested.	
	c. Resolve issues of complex or contested usage, consulting	
	references (e.g., Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of English	
	Usage, Garner's Modern American Usage) as needed	
Essential	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English	
Standard	capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing	
W.11-12.11	a. Observe hyphenation conventions	
	b. spell correctly	
	Range of Writing	
Essential	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research,	
Standard	reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or	
W.11-12.12	a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes.	

Twelfth Grade ELA Essential Standards		
	2019-2020	
	Speaking & Listening Comprehension & Collaboration	
Essential	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative	Vocabulary
Standard	discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse	vocabalar y
SL.11-12.1	partners on grades 11-12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.	collaborative persuasively
Essential	Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence	Point of view
Standard	and rhetoric, assessing the stance, premises, links among ideas,	rhetoric
SL.11-12.3	word choice, points of emphasis, and tone used.	
	Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas	
Essential	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and task, demonstrating a	
Standard SL.	command of formal English when indicatetasks appropriate.	
11-12.6		
	Language in Speaking and Listening	
Essential	SL.11-12.7 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard	syntax
Standard	English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. SL.11-12.7.a	
SL. 11-12.7	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references for guidance as	
SL. 11-12.8	needed. SL.11-12.7.b Apply the understanding that usage is a	
	matter of convention, can change over time, and is sometimes contested.	
	SL.11-12.8 Acquire and use accurately general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, sufficient for the college and	

career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering	
vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase	
important to comprehension or expression.	

	Twelfth Grade ELA	
	Essential Standards 2019-2020	
	Reading: Literature	
	Key Ideas and Details	
Essential Standard RL.11-12.2	11-12.1Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.	Themes
	Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of the text.	
	11-12.3 Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story or drama.	
	Craft and Structure	
Essential Standard RL.11-12.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including words with multiple meanings or language that is particularly fresh, engaging or beautiful.	
	RL.11-12.5 Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure specific parts of a text contribute to its overall structure and meaning as well as its aesthetic impact.	
	RL.11-12.6 Analyze a case in which grasping a point of view requires distinguishing what is directly stated in a text from what is really meant.	
Face of the	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	
Essential Standard RL	RL.11-12.7 Analyze multiple interpretations of a story, drama, or poem, evaluating how each version interprets the source text.	

	RL.11-12.9 Demonstrate knowledge of foundational works of American (11th) and world literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics.	
	Language in Reading: Literature	
Essential Standard RL.11-12.10	RL.11-12.10 Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading.	
	RL.11-12.11 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.	
Essential	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word	
Standard	relationships, and nuances in word meanings.	
11-12.12	a. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., hyperbole, paradox,	
	idiom) in context and analyze their role in the text.	
	 Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations. 	
	Range of Reading and Level of Text	
Essential Standard RL. 11-12.13	Read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems.	

	Twelfth Grade ELA Essential Standards 2019-2020	
	Reading: Information	
	Key Ideas and Details	
Essential	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of	
Standard	what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the	
RI.11-12.1	text, including determining where the text leaves matters	
	uncertain	

Essential Standard RI. 11-12.2	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of the text. RI. 11-12.3 Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.	
	Craft and Structure	
Essential Standard RI. 11-12.4	RI.11-12.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term or terms.	figurative, connotative, rhetoric
	RI.11-12.5 Analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of the structure an author uses in his or her exposition or argument, including whether the structure makes points clear, convincing, and engaging.	
	RI.11-12.6 Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text in which the rhetoric is particularly effective, analyzing how style and content contribute to the power, persuasiveness or beauty of the text.	
	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	
Essential Standard RI.11-12.8	RI.11-12.7 Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in media or formats as well as in words in order to address a question or solve a problem.	
	RI. 11-12.8 Delineate and evaluate the reasoning in seminal U.S.	
	(11th grade) and U.S. & World texts (12th grade), including the application of constitutional principles and use of legal reasoning and the premises, purposes, and arguments in works of public advocacy.	
Essential	application of constitutional principles and use of legal reasoning and the premises, purposes, and arguments in works of public	
Standard	application of constitutional principles and use of legal reasoning and the premises, purposes, and arguments in works of public advocacy.	
	application of constitutional principles and use of legal reasoning and the premises, purposes, and arguments in works of public advocacy. Analyze foundational documents of historical and literary significance for their themes, purposes, and rhetorical features.	
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	Range of Reading and Level of Text
Essential	Read and comprehend grade-level appropriate nonfiction
Standard RI.	literature.
11-12.13	