Reading Standards for Literature Extended Standards

Grades 9 – 12

Essence of the Standards:

• Understand big ideas from text.

- Use word choices and structure to support meaning.
- Compare ideas and themes across different mediums.
- Demonstrate understanding of text while actively engaged in reading.

Most Complex

Most Complex Least Complex		
Key Ideas and Details		
RL.912.1a Cite details from text to support the answers to literal or inferential questions.	RL.912.1b Cite details from text to support the answers to literal questions.	RL.912.1c Identify details that are stated in a text.
RL.912.2a Summarize text including a description of the central idea(s), and support with details.	RL.912.2b Identify the theme of a text and support it with main events or details.	RL.912.2c Sequence main events in relation to a stated theme.
RL.912.3a Explain how the author's introduction and development of characters affects plot development.	RL.912.3b Identify and describe how a character's traits, motivations or feelings contribute to the resolution of the story.	RL.912.3c Identify how a character's actions contribute to the resolution of the story.
Craft and Structure		
RL.912.4a Analyze figurative language, connotation and tone.	RL.912.4b Determine the meaning of words or phrases based on how they are used in a text.	RL.912.4c Match pictures to words or phrases based on how they are used in a text (e.g., match a picture of a sad face with the phrase, "sat with his head down.").
RL.912.5a Explain how the author's use of literary techniques (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) contributes to the effect of the text.	RL.912.5b Identify how the author's use of literary techniques (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) contributes to the effect of the text.	RL.912.5c Recognize the effects of a text on the reader (e.g. funny, sad, surprised).
RL.912.6a Explain how what is directly stated in a text differs from what is actually meant (e.g., understatement).	RL.912.6b Recognize similarities between cultural experiences in a story or drama from the United States and another country.	RL.912.6c Identify cultural experiences in a story or drama from outside the United States.
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas		
RL.912.7a Explain the effect of pairing a text with other artistic media (e.g., poem/song and painting/statue).	RL.912.7b Describe the key similarities and differences between print and other artistic media (e.g., poem/song and painting/statue).	RL.912.7c Identify key similarities or differences between print and other artistic media (e.g., poem/song and painting/statue).
RL.912.8a Compare and contrast themes from two related works of classical literature into modern literature (e.g., <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> to <i>West Side Story</i>).	RL.912.8b Describe similar events from two related works of classical literature into modern literature (e.g., <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> to <i>West Side Story</i>).	RL.912.8c Identify similar characters from two related works of classical literature into modern literature (e.g., <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> to <i>West Side Story</i>).
Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity		
RL.912.9a Read grade-level/age-appropriate, adapted literature materials.	RL.912.9b Read supported grade-level/age- appropriate, adapted literature materials.	RL.912.9c Actively participate in supported grade-level/age-appropriate, adapted literature materials.