

Maryland College and Career Ready Standards for Reading Literature Clarifications

Maryland State Department of Education  
English Language Arts/Literacy  
Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards Clarifications



The English Language Arts Department at MSDE facilitated the formation teams of educators from all across the state to participate in writing Clarifications for the Common Core Standards at grades Pre-K through twelve. These serve as resources to educators across this state and others as we implement the Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards.

Educators from the local systems worked together to create clarification statements that make up a coherent document that reflects the instructional shifts necessary to achieve the Common Core State Standards. The Clarification statements detail for educators the skills necessary for students to demonstrate proficiency in each grade level standard in Reading Literature, Reading Informational Text, Writing, Speaking and Listening, and Language. These Clarifications are an integral part of the Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards Curriculum toolkit.

**Standard Eight**

**RL8 Anchor Standard: 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.**

Pre-Kindergarten: (Not applicable to literature)

Kindergarten: (Not applicable to literature)

Grade One: (Not applicable to literature)

Grade Two: (Not applicable to literature)

Grade Three: (Not applicable to literature)

Grade Four: (Not applicable to literature)

Grade Five: (Not applicable to literature)

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Grade Six: (Not applicable to literature)

Grade Seven: (Not applicable to literature)

Grade Eight: (Not applicable to literature)

Grades Nine and Ten: (Not applicable to literature)

Grades Eleven and Twelve: (Not applicable to literature)