

- Make meaningful connections between multiple texts supported by appropriate text evidence
- Make complex inferences about texts based on explicit and implicit text evidence
- Write skillfully developed essays that demonstrate grade-level mastery of writer's craft with advanced command of language conventions

When reading texts of increasing complexity,* students achieving Meets Grade Level Performance can

- Determine the meaning of unfamiliar and multiple-meaning words using context and affixes
- Explain literary texts by examining character changes and interactions, and inferring themes supported by text evidence
- Demonstrate an understanding of informational and argumentative texts by identifying evidence to support a claim or central idea, text structures and features, and an author's intended audience
- Make connections between multiple texts by identifying meaningful similarities and differences in terms of key ideas and theme
- Explain the author's purpose, message, use of imagery, literal and figurative language, literary and sound devices, and analyze text structures and print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes
