Year 8 Assessments

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Subject: English

	Year 8 – Reading	Year 8 – Writing	Year 8 – Speaking
Mastering	You have a detailed understanding of what you've read.	Your ideas are imaginative/ effective and appeal to your audience.	You can express interesting ideas, information & feelings using a range of vocabulary on challenging issues.
(Indicative of student who will go on to achieve a grade 7-9 at GCSE, if they continue to progress as they are).	You always make developed points. You use precise quotations and they support the points you make.	You choose your tone, style and register to effectively appeal to your audience.	You organise and structures your presentation clearly and appropriately to meet the needs of the audience.
	You understand and make use of a wide-ranging vocabulary.	You write effectively for the purpose. Your writing is effective. Your ideas are sequenced for effect.	Your voice and gesture support your audience to understand your ideas.
	You explore key words and structures and discuss the effects they have on the reader.	Your paragraphs create a coherent whole.	You show interest in listening to questions & feedback.
	You apply terminology both correctly and appropriately.	You use integrated discourse markers.	You can respond formally and in some detail.
	You infer, analyse and are beginning to evaluate the use of	You use a range of punctuation marks accurately (CAPITALLETTERS . , ?! " "1) -)	You show respect in responding to others' views and opinions.
	writers' methods.	You can use all sentence types accurately. You sometimes vary the structure of your complex sentences.	You use Standard English vocabulary and grammar.
	You explore the different ideas and sometimes the perspectives in what you have read.	You use the correct tense. Your word order is accurate.	
	You make detailed comparisons of how writers present different ideas and sometimes different perspectives.	You choose words for their effect and show a clear variety.	
	You have a detailed understanding of the writer's purpose and how the writer makes the reader think/feel/react.	You have a broad vocabulary and you use it appropriately for your audience.	
	You make useful links between and comment upon texts, writers or characters and their context.	You spell simple / common and frequent complex words correctly. You rarely spell phonetically and have very few problems with homophones.	
	You make thoughtful comments on how context that can influence writers and the impact this can have on readers.		
Advancinig	You have a broad understanding of what you've read.	Your ideas appeal to your audience and are detailed.	You can express straightforward ideas confidently on wider-world issues. in a formal situation.
(Indicative of student who will go on to achieve a grade 5-6 at GCSE, if they continue to progress as they are).	You always make clear points. You always use well selected quotations and they link to the	You use the right tone, style and register to appeal to your audience.	You attempt to organise and structure your presentations with your audience in mind.
	points you make.	The purpose of your writing is clear.	You attempt to meet the needs of the audience through your voice
	You have a productive vocabulary .	Your ideas are carefully structured and well organised.	and gesture.
	You comment on key words and/or structures and explain the effects they have on the reader.	Your paragraphs are in a logical order.	You listen to questions & feedback.

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	You apply terminology correctly.	You appropriately use discourse markers.	You can provide an appropriate response in a straight forward manner.
	You infer from and analyse the use of the writers' methods. You show a clear understanding of different ideas and	You use an increasing range of punctuation marks (CAPITALLETTERS . , ?! " ")	You show respect for a range of others' views and opinions.
	sometimes identify perspectives in what you have read. You make comparisons of how writers present different ideas and sometimes perspectives.	You write simple and compound sentences accurately. You use some complex sentences. You use some different sentence starters.	You usually use Standard English vocabulary and grammar.
	You have a clear understanding of the writer's purpose and how the writer makes the reader think/feel/react.	You mostly use the correct tense. Your words are in the correct order.	
	You make clear links between, and comment upon texts, writers or characters and their context. You can understand the context that can influence writers and the impact this can have on the readers.	You choose some effective and varied words from your broad vocabulary which are appropriate for your purpose & audience. You spell simple / common and some complex words correctly. You are showing confidence with homophones and rarely spell phonetically.	
Socuring	You have a useful understanding of most of		You can talk with confidence in a formal presentation about hobby or
Securing	what you've read. You usually make clear points.	You usually have the right ideas to appeal to your audience. Some of your ideas are detailed.	personal experience. You can develop ideas, opinions and descriptions clearly and
(Indicative of student who will go on to achieve a grade 3-4 at GCSE, if they continue to progress as they	You usually use quotations and they usually link to the points you make. You remember what new words mean and remember to use them.	You usually use the right tone, style and register to appeal to your audience.	appropriately for the person(s) you are speaking to.
are).		The purpose of your writing is usually clear.	You can use exaggeration, intonation, humour, pace and appropriate body language when presenting.
		You often put your ideas in the correct order.	You listen carefully in different contexts.
	You have an understanding of key words and/or structures.	You sometimes use paragraphs but not always / not always accurately.	You can ask responsive questions about people's views and give reasons for your own viewpoint.
	You usually make clear comments and inferences on key words and/or structures, and explain the effects they have on the reader.	You sometimes use discourse markers.	You show respect for other people's views and understand that other opinions are still valid.
	You have started to apply some terminology.	You use basic punctuation accurately (CAPITAL LETTERS . , ?! " ")	You can and often do use Standard English vocabulary and grammar
	You usually make clear inferences, and explain the writers'	You often write simple and compound sentences accurately.	(eg passive structures and embedded clauses.)
	methods, whilst sometimes analysing.	You usually use the correct tense.	
	You have an understanding of different ideas in what you have read.	Your words are usually in the correct order.	
	You compare how writers present different ideas in different texts.	You deliberately use some effective words for your purpose and audience.	

	You have an understanding of how the writer makes the reader think/ feel / react. You make links between texts, writers or characters and their contexts.	You generally use the correct spelling of simple / common words. You may have some difficulties with homophones.	
	You can comment on that context that can influence writers and the impact this can have in the readers.		
Foundation	You have some useful understanding of what you've read. You identify and select some key words.	You often have the right ideas to appeal to your audience.	You can talk with confidence in different school-based contexts.
(Indicative of student who will go on to achieve a grade 1-2 at GCSE,	You make simple points.	You often use the right tone and register to appeal to your audience.	You can make sustained contributions, developing ideas; using adjectives and questions to maintain interest.
if they continue to progress as they are).	The quotations or references you use sometimes link to the points you make.	The purpose of your writing is often clear.	You can adjust tone, pace, volume and intonation to fit audience and purpose.
	You are beginning to guess and remember what new words mean,	You often put your ideas in the correct order.	
		You sometimes use paragraphs but not always / not always accurately.	
	You ask questions to aid your understanding	You sometimes use discourse markers.	You can respond to others making helpful comments and developing other people's ideas.
	You show some understanding of which words are the most important.	You know about and often use basic punctuation (CAPITALLETTERS . ? !)	You can take on different roles when working with others. You are beginning to show awareness of Standard English (e.g. using pronouns and conjunctions to link ideas)
	You make some simple comments on key words, the way a text is organized, and the effects they have.	You are beginning to write in full sentences but your sentences are not always complete.	
	You know some language and structure terminology.	Sometimes your words are not in the correct order.	
	You attempt to explain the writers' methods and make inferences.	You sometimes use the correct tense.	
	You identify some similarities and differences in what you have read. You make some useful comparisons on ideas.	You use simple vocabulary. You mostly chose written rather than spoken expressions.	
	You show some understanding of how the writer makes you feel/ think/ react.	You sometimes rely on phonetic spelling but you generally use the correct spelling of most simple / common words. You select some words well for your purpose.	
	You make some simple comments about things, writers or characters and context have in common.		