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2. The student will determine the intended meaning of academic/tier 2 words and domain-specific/tier 3 words in a literary text.  
3. The student will use resources to determine the correct meaning of an unknown word or phrase in a literary text.  
4. The student will use etymology to determine the correct meaning of an unknown word or phrase in a literary text. | 3, 4 | | |
| 5: Analysis within/across Texts | (Target Descriptions) | Analyze interrelationships among literary elements (e.g., setting, order of actions, characters) within one text or across texts or analyze and distinguish point of view within or across texts. | (Evidence Required) | 1. The student will analyze interrelationships among literary elements (e.g., setting, order of actions, characters) within one text.  
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Analyze text structures and the impact of those choices on meaning or presentation. | 3, 4 |       |
|                               |                  | (Evidence Required)  
1. The student will determine how the overall structure of a text impacts its meaning.  
2. The student will analyze or interpret why the author structured elements within the text in a certain manner and the impact of that structure on meaning. |     |       |
|                               |                  | **7: Language Use** *(Target Descriptions)*  
Interpret or analyze the figurative language use (e.g., figurative, connotative meanings) or interpret figures of speech |     |       |
|                               |                  | (Evidence Required)  
1. The student will interpret the meaning of figurative words and phrases used in context and analyze its impact on meaning or tone.  
2. The student will interpret the intent and use of a literary device in context and analyze its impact on meaning or tone.  
3. The student will interpret the connotative meaning of words and phrases used in context and analyze its impact on meaning or tone.  
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| Target Sampling ELA/Literacy High School | -or- 7: Compose Full Texts (Argumentative)  
(Target Descriptions)  
Write full arguments about topics using a complete writing process attending to purpose and audience: establish and support a claim; organize, elaborate, and cite supporting evidence from credible sources; provide appropriate transitional strategies for coherence; and develop a conclusion that is appropriate to purpose and audience and follows from and supports the argument(s) presented.  
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The student will write full arguments about topics using a complete writing process attending to purpose and audience: establish and support a claim; organize, elaborate, and cite supporting evidence from credible sources; provide appropriate transitional strategies for coherence; and develop a conclusion that is appropriate to purpose and audience and follows from and supports the argument(s) presented. | -or- 1b: Revise Brief Texts (Narrative)  
(Target Descriptions)  
Apply narrative techniques (e.g., dialogue, description, pacing) and appropriate text structures and transitional strategies for coherence when revising one or more paragraphs of narrative text (e.g., closure, introducing narrator’s point of view, or using dialogue when describing an event or to advance action).  
(Evidence Required)  
The student will use information provided in a stimulus to revise well-developed narratives/narrative sections that apply narrative techniques such as  
a. including dialogue, pacing, and reflection to convey events, experiences, or characters  
b. including precise words and phrases, telling | 2 | 1 | 0* |
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Strategically use precise language and vocabulary (including academic and domain-specific vocabulary and figurative language) and style appropriate to the purpose and audience when revising or composing texts.

(Evidence Required)

1. The student will identify and use a better word or words to make vague language in text more precise.
2. The student will identify and use the best on- or below-grade-level academic domain-specific construct-relevant word(s)/phrase (e.g., Tier 2 words, not Tier 3 vocabulary exclusive to science or social studies) to convey the precise or intended meaning of a text, especially with informational/explanatory writing.
3. The student will identify and use precise words or phrases (including figurative/sensory language and telling details) to convey a vivid picture of setting, character, events, experiences or ideas in a text in narrative writing.
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