

# Grade 8 ELA

## Reading, Listening, and Reading Online

Students in Grade 8 should be reading for 30 minutes or more each day. They can read or listen to audio or use any of these great resources online.

May we recommend a few favorites:

### Graphic Novels



### Nonfiction & Poetry



### Fantasy & Adventure



### Realistic & Historical Fiction



[Storyline Online](#): Streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading aloud favorite picture books.

[Read, Wonder, and Learn](#): Favorite Authors and Illustrators share resources for learning anywhere.

[Authors Everywhere!](#): Write, Draw, Create, Community of read alouds, art projects, learning from celebrated authors and illustrators.

[Kid Lit TV](#): Favorite Books Read Aloud

[Unite for Literacy](#): Free digital access to picture books in many languages

[Storytime from Space](#): Astronauts reading aloud from space.

[Overdrive](#): Access free ebooks, audiobooks, and more using your library card.

[International Children's Digital Library](#): ebooks in many languages for all ages from 3-13

### Talking about Books

**Talk about your books with your family. You can retell what you read. Use these stems to help you...**

*"This reminds me of..."*

*"The theme was..."*

*"One thing I learned is..."*

*"The character was..."*

*"This makes me realize..."*

*"In addition to what \_\_\_\_\_ said..."*

*"I agree with... because..."*

*"A question I have is..."*

*"On the other hand..."*



**Start a book club with some friends. Chat over FaceTime or Zoom. Text each other questions.**

**Sketchnote about the books you are reading. Draw the characters and the important ideas.**

Play reading bingo. Will you win?



Mark each space you complete. Can you get bingo? Can you fill the entire card?

<b>B</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>O</b>
Read a graphic novel or comic book 	Read a magazine for kids	Read a chapter book	Read with a flashlight 	Read aloud to a family member
Listen to an audio book	Read to a sibling or friend	Read the instructions to a game. Then play it! 	Swap a book with a friend; read it	Read a book when it is raining outside 
Read for 20 minutes in a comfy chair 	Read a poem 	Read a nonfiction book	Read a book that is also a TV show or movie 	Got to the library and pick out 3 books to read
Read a story and tell someone about the main characters	Read a book with someone and take turns reading pages	Read a book with a 1-word title 	Read a book electronically	Read a book outside on a sunny day 
Read a book that has won an award 	Read a funny book	Read a book you love 	Read the first book in a series	Read a book based on a superhero 

## Writing Activities

- Write a new ending to a book you read or keep the story going. Don't forget to add details. Show some of your feelings. Add some dialogue. What did your characters say? How did they feel? Does it match the original book?
- Write a memoir about your life. What do you want others to know about you? What will your legacy be?
- Write an argument essay. What is something that you feel strongly about? Plan it using boxes and bullets. You can even do some research to learn more.
- Write a poem or song or rap. Perform it in front of the mirror or your family or live.
- Be an investigative reporter. What is happening in your house? Neighborhood? On the news? Create your own breaking news.
- Write a graphic novel. What images will you add? What words?
- Write a script. Get your family to perform it.

## Vocabulary

- Choose 5 new words in each book or article you read. Practice using them with your family.
- Write complex sentences. See how you can grow your ideas to make them even better.
- Make a list of new words. Look them up. Then come up with synonyms and antonyms for those words.
- Play Scrabble or Words with Friends or Boggle or another word game.
- Learn new science or social studies vocabulary. Write a song using the new words. Teach them to your family.