

Mississippi Assessment Program Eighth Grade Blueprint

Strand	Performance Task (PT)	Closed-ended	Open-ended	Total #Items	Total #Pts.
Reading Literature	<i>0</i>	<i>15-16</i>	<i>4-5</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>22</i>
RL.8.1- Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	0	3-4	0-1	3-4	
RL.8.2 - Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an accurate summary of the text based upon this analysis.	0	3-4	0-1	3-4	

RL.8.3 - Analyze how incidents in a story or drama develop as they are related to each other; how characters react to and interact with one another and how the plot unfolds by a series of incidents; how a narrator or speaker's point of view influences how events are perceived and understood. 7

as well as figurative and connotative meanings; analyze how major characters, settings, and other elements work together to develop in a text a theme, mood, or other larger meanings. 7

- Compare and contrast the structure of two or more texts and analyze how the differing organizational patterns and style contribute to their meaning. 2-3

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Writing