

LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
English Language Arts Learning Expectations: Grade 2

Massachusetts Standards

**Strand:
Reading**

Students will be able to:

Read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts in the grade 2 text complexity band proficiently.

Read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, in the grade 2 text complexity band proficiently.
(Standard 10)

Big Ideas

- Reading is a complex task that requires the skillful and simultaneous orchestrations of a number of cognitive processes.
- Comprehension requires readers to actively engage with a text as they gather information, follow a story, consider new ideas, relate ideas to previous information or text-based events, or think about a text in light of their own knowledge and experience.
- Skilled readers base their interpretations of the author’s intended meaning as made apparent by a wide range of textual evidence.

Key Outcomes

Students will demonstrate an understanding of a **text** by:

Informational Text:	Literature:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Describing the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. <i>(Standard 3)</i> ● Identifying the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe. <i>(Standard 6)</i> ● Comparing and contrasting the most important points presented in two texts on the same topic. <i>(Standard 9)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Describing how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges. <i>(Standard 3)</i> ● Acknowledging differences in the points of view of characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud. <i>(Standard 6)</i> ● Comparing and contrasting two or more versions of the same story (e.g., <i>Cinderella stories</i>) by different authors or from different cultures. <i>(Standard 9)</i>

Essential Knowledge and Skills

Students will:

Informational Text:

- Ask and answer questions such as who, what, where, when, why and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. *(Standard 1)*
- Identify the main topic of a multi-paragraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text. *(Standard 2)*
- Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area. *(Standard 4)*
- Know and use various text features (*e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons*) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently. *(Standard 5)*
- Explain how specific images (*e.g., a diagram showing how a machine works*) contribute to and clarify a text. *(Standard 7)*
- Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text. *(Standard 8)*

Literature:

- Ask and answer questions such as who, what, where, when, why and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. *(Standard 1)*
- Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral. *(Standard 2)*
- Describe how words and phrases (*e.g., regular beats, alliteration, rhymes, repeated lines*) supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song. *(Standard 4)*
- Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action. *(Standard 5)*
- Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot. *(Standard 7)*
- Identify dialogue as words spoken by characters (*usually enclosed in quotation marks*) and explain what dialogue adds to a particular story or poem. *(Standard 8A)*