Grade Nine Outcomes (Indicators)	4 – Mastery	3 - Proficient	2 - Approaching	1 - Beginning
Context CC9.1 a/b Create various written texts that explore identity, social responsibility, and efficacy.	Creates original, insightful, and thought-provoking written texts that explore identity, social responsibility, and efficacy. These texts include: • A purposeful, insightful message with Ideas and information which are comprehensively developed (Meaning) • A skillful organization of ideas (Form) • Efficient and confident control of language cues and conventions (Style and Language Choices)	Creates clear, original, and straightforward written texts that explore identity, social responsibility, and efficacy. These texts include: • A specific, relevant message with ideas and information which are clear and complete (Meaning) • A coherent, logical organization of ideas (Form) • Appropriate and deliberate use of language cues and conventions (Style and Language Choices)	Creates predictable written texts that explore identity, social responsibility, and efficacy. These texts include: • A general message with simplistic but generally accurate ideas and information (Meaning) • A methodical organization of ideas (Form) • Partial control over and a basic use of language and conventions (Style and Language Choices)	Creates limited and/or unfocused written texts that explore identity, social responsibility and efficacy. These texts include: • A vague, incomplete and/or Ineffective message with limited, unclear and/or disconnected ideas and information (Meaning) • Ineffective organization of ideas (Form) • Uncertain and/or inappropriate use of language cues and conventions. (Style and Language Choices)
Message CC9.8a Write to describe (a profile of a character), to narrate (a narrative essay), to explain and inform (a researched report), and to persuade (a review).				
CC9.8b Write to describe (a description of a scene, to narrate (a personal essay), to explain and inform (a multi-paragraph letter) and to persuade (a letter to the editor)				
(j) Create narrative texts (a. narrative essay, b. personal essay)	 Creates insightful personal narrative texts that: Depict scenes and incidents with specificity Describe with vivid sensory details Correctly and efficiently employ narrative and descriptive devices Develop narrative creatively leading to a thought provoking climax or conclusion Reveal with clarity the significance of and the subject's attitude about the incident, event, and situation 	Creates clear, straightforward personal narrative texts that: Locate scenes and incidents in specific places Describe with concrete sensory detail Employ relevant narrative and descriptive devices Develop narrative systematically leading to a climax or conclusion Reveal the significance of and the subject's attitude about the incident, event, or situation.	Creates satisfactory personal narrative texts that: Depict scenes and incidents with general accuracy Describe with simplistic sensory details Employ some narrative and descriptive devices Develop basic narrative leading to a climax or conclusion Reveal partially and/or simplistically the subject's attitude about the incident, event, and situation	Creates personal narrative texts that: Depict scenes and incidents incompletely Describe with little or no sensory detail Minimally employ narrative and descriptive devices Inadequately develop the narrative leading to the climax or conclusion that may be ineffective Inefficiently reveal the significance of and the subject's attitude about the incidence, event, and situation
(k) Create expository, information and procedural texts (a. researched report, b.multi-paragraph letter)	Creates insightful expository, informational, and procedural texts that: Poses specific questions to limit scope of text Effectively introduces the purpose and define thesis Develops the topic with specific, precise facts, details, examples, and explanations from multiple sources Paragraphs are comprehensive, logically sequenced, and rich in detail Effectively use transitions Effectively and precisely anticipates and addresses reader's potential misunderstandings, biases, and expectations Conclusion is astute and intriguing	Creates clear expository, informational, and procedural texts that: Poses relevant questions to limit scope of presentation Introduces the purpose and define a thesis Develops topic with important facts, details, examples, and explanations from multiple sources Paragraphs organized in logical sequences with detail Use transitions Anticipate and address reader's potential misunderstandings, biases, and expectations Offers conclusion(s)	Creates satisfactory expository, informational, and procedural texts that: Poses predictable questions to limit the scope of text Superficially introduces the purpose and defines the thesis Develops the topic with simplistic details, examples, and explanations from limited sources Paragraphs are simple in composition and detail Some use of transitions Partially anticipates and addresses the reader's potential misunderstandings, biases and expectations Conclusions simplistic	Creates expository, informational, and procedural texts that: Poses incomplete questions to limit scope of text Vaguely introduces the purpose and presents an unclear thesis Inadequately develops the topic with facts, details, examples, and explanations from one or two sources Paragraphs are incomplete and lacking in detail Ineffective or infrequent use of transitions Incorrectly and/or partially anticipates and addresses the reader's potential misunderstandings, biases, and expectations Conclusions inadequate or missing

(I) Create descriptive texts (a. profile of a character, b. a description of a scene)	Creates insightful descriptive texts: Insightful, original, colourful picture of the person or scene Perceptively interpret and vividly describe the details Exceptional sensory details and colourful words Appropriate and lively use of dialogue Creative, original or insightful order is evident	Creates clear descriptive texts: Clear and colourful picture of the person or scene Clearly interpret and describe details Include sensory details and vivid words Appropriate use of dialogue Logical order	Creates satisfactory descriptive texts: Basic picture of the person or scene Partially interpret and simplistically describe the details Incorporate limited details and common words Use basic dialogue Some order is evident	Creates descriptive texts: Vague and/or uninteresting picture of the person or scene Partially and/or inaccurately describe the details Few and/or limited sensory details and descriptive words Minimal or no use of dialogue Ineffective or absence of order
(m) Create persuasive texts (a. review, b. a letter to the editor)	 Creates insightful persuasive texts that: Include an original thesis that makes critical, insightful judgement State an original or insightful position Provide comprehensive support by fact, reasons, examples, explanations, and evidence to support position Structure ideas and arguments in an original, insightful fashion Explicitly address reader's concerns, biases, expectations, and counterclaims Effectively maintain a rational tone 	 Creates clear persuasive texts that: Include a well-defined thesis that makes a clear and knowledgeable judgement State a position clearly and convincingly Provide support by detailed facts, reasons, examples, explanations, and evidence to support position Structure ideas and arguments in a sustained and logical fashion Address viewer's, listener's, or reader's concerns, biases, expectations, and counterclaims Maintain a rational tone 	Creates satisfactory persuasive text that: Include a general thesis that makes a basic judgement Some evidence of a position Provide partial support by facts, reasons, examples, explanations, and evidence to support position Some structure to ideas and argument Partially address reader's concerns, biases, expectations, and counterclaims Partially maintain a rational tone	Creates persuasive texts that: Include a vague thesis Little or no evidence of a position Provide little support by facts, reasons, examples, explanations, and evidence to support position Structure not evident or ineffective Inadequately and ineffectually address reader's concerns, biases, expectations, and counterclaims Does not maintain a rational tone
Use of Strategies CC9.3 (a,b) Select and use appropriate strategies to communicate meaning before, during, and after to construct meaning when writing.	BEFORE Insightful, purposeful use of prior knowledge and experience Careful consideration of purpose and audience Considers and generates insightful ideas and information that covers the breadth of topic Thoughtfully considers and chooses/adapts an appropriate form to suit intended audience Independently plans and organizes ideas for drafting after selecting an appropriate graphic organizer Skillfully considers qualities of effective communication and language to use Plan demonstrates significant creativity	BEFORE Clear use of prior knowledge and experience are evident Considers purpose and audience Considers and generates focused ideas and information that covers the breadth of topic Considers and chooses/adapts form to suit audience Plans and organizes ideas using a graphic organizer Considers qualities of effective communication and the language to use Plan is straightforward	BEFORE Some use of prior knowledge and experience evident With support considers purpose and audience Considers and generates basic ideas and information that partially covers the topic With support considers and chooses an appropriate form to suit intended audience Rudimentary plan and organization of ideas for drafting Little evidence of consideration of qualities of effective communication and the language to use Plan is simplistic and lacking refinement	BEFORE Unfocused and/or no evidence of use of prior knowledge and experience Difficulty considering purpose and audience Generates rudimentary/insufficient ideas and information for topic Using teacher support considers and chooses an appropriate form for intended audience Minimal and/or inadequate plan and organization of ideas for drafting Inadequate consideration of qualities of effective communication and the language to use Plan is non-existent
	 DURING Draft contains thorough attention to topic detail Careful and precise use of language to construct message Purposeful conferencing with others to solicit feedback Careful and thorough use of writing process to ensure clarity and conciseness of text Accurate acknowledgement and citation of sources Innovative experimentation with communication features and techniques to suit different audience 	 DURING Draft demonstrates attention and topic detail Clear use of language to construct message Confers with others to solicit meaningful feedback Use of writing process to ensure clarity and conciseness of text Acknowledges and cites sources Experiments with communication features and techniques to suit different audience 	 DURING Draft contains some attention to topic details Adequate use of language to construct message Some evidence of conferencing with others to solicit feedback Partial use of the writing process to ensure clarity and conciseness of text Inaccurate acknowledgement and citation of sources Basic experimentation with communication features and techniques to suit audience 	 DURING Draft contains minimal attention to topic detail Inadequate or inappropriate use of language to construct message Little use conferencing with others to solicit feedback Insufficient use of the writing process to ensure clarity and conciseness of text No acknowledgement and citation of sources Little or no evidence of experimentation with communication features and techniques to suit audience

	Independently revises for content, meaning, and organization Independently revises for sentence structure, spelling, word choice, punctuation Independently proofreads and completes edits Purposefully uses feedback to make meaningful revisions	 AFTER Revises to support clarity in content, meaning, and organization Appropriate revisions for sentence structure, spelling, word choice, punctuation Independently proofreads and completes edits with use of a checklist Demonstrates use of feedback to make meaningful revisions 	Revises for content, meaning, and organization with teacher support Partial revision of sentence structure, spelling, word choice, punctuation Completes basic edits Some evidence of use of feedback to make meaningful revisions	AFTER Minimal and/or insufficient revision for content, meaning, and organization Partial revision of sentence structure, spelling, word choice, punctuation with help from adult Minimal completion of edits with support from adult Little evidence of use of feedback to make meaningful revisions
Cues and Convention CC9.4a/b Use pragmatic, textual, syntactical, semantic/lexical/morphological, graphophonic and other cues to construct and communicate meaning	PRAGMATIC A skillful, thoughtful use of inclusive language for audience and purpose that demonstrates respect for all Tone, voice, and point of view are clearly established and purposeful Consistent use of Canadian English	PRAGMATIC Appropriate use of inclusive language for audience and purpose that demonstrates respect for all Tone, voice, and point of view are evident Appropriate use of Canadian English	PRAGMATIC Language is inconsistent for purpose and audience may not always demonstrate respect for all Tone, voice, and point of view are sometimes evident Basic use of Canadian English	PRAGMATIC Language is inappropriate for purpose and audience Tone, voice, and point of view are not evident Limited use of Canadian English
	 TEXTUAL Effective use of transitions to make writing flow Compelling leads, effective bodies, and insightful or original conclusions for a variety of written texts Strategic and effective use of literary devices 	 TEXTUAL Use of transitions to make writing flow Use of strong leads, coherent bodies, and effective conclusions for a variety of written texts Purposeful use of literary devices 	 Little use of transitions so flow is impeded Inconsistent use of leads, weak bodies, and conclusions for a variety of written texts Some use of literary devices 	 Improper or no use of transitions blocks flow of ideas Inadequate use of leads, incomplete bodies, and weak or unsupported conclusions for a variety of written texts Limited use of literary devices
	SYNTACTICAL Original and powerful sentence combinations to convey an idea Effective use of co-ordination, subordination, and apposition of ideas sentences to precisely show relationship between ideas Consistently and effectively uses correct punctuation and capitalization	SYNTACTICAL Clear, complete, varied use of sentence combinations to convey an idea Appropriate use of co-ordination, subordination, and apposition of ideas sentences to show relationship between ideas Accurate use of punctuation and capitalization	SYNTACTICAL Some use of sentence combinations to convey an idea Basic use of co-ordination, subordination, and apposition of ideas to show relationship between ideas Inconsistent use of correct punctuation and capitalization	SYNTACTICAL Limited and sometimes incorrect use of sentence combinations to convey an idea Limited use of co-ordination, subordination, and apposition of ideas to show relationship between ideas Incorrect use of capitalization and punctuation
	 SEMANTIC/LEXICAL/MORPHOLOGICAL Effective and confident control of spelling conventions and word usage Insightful consideration of connotative and denotative word meaning s/usage Demonstrates an extensive vocabulary 	 SEMANTIC/LEXICAL/MORPHOLOGICAL Demonstrates control of spelling conventions and word usage Appropriate use of connotative and denotative word meanings/usage Demonstrates an appropriate vocabulary 	 SEMANTIC/LEXICAL/MORPHOLOGICAL Inconsistent control of spelling conventions and word usage Some evidence of understanding of connotative and denotative word meanings/ usage Demonstrates a basic vocabulary 	SEMANTIC/LEXICAL/MORPHOLOGICAL Unsatisfactory control of spelling conventions and word usage Little or no demonstration of understanding of connotative and denotative word meanings/usage Demonstrates a limited vocabulary