Reading Literature/		
Informational Text		
Weeks 1-3		
TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
RL7.1	RL.6.1	RL.8.1
Cite several pieces of textual evidence to	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly
support analysis of what the text says	what the text says explicitly as well as	supports an analysis of what the text says
explicitly as well as inferences drawn from	inferences drawn from the text.	explicitly as well as inferences drawn from
the text.		the text.
(RS Weeks 4-6 and 7-9)		

#### The student can...

- Identify inferences from a text.
- Identify explicit information from a text.
- Recognize credible resources/sources.
- Analyze several pieces of text to determine what it explicitly says.
- Formulate inferences from textual material.
- Cite resources that support analysis of a text.
- Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support an analysis of what the text says and inferences it makes.

# Standard Unpacked

- 1. Cite three pieces of textual evidence to support the author's main point.
- 2. Analyze the passage. What can you conclude? Provide textual evidence that supports your conclusion.
- 3. Analyze the passage. What is implied? Provide textual evidence that supports the implication(s).
- 4. Use three pieces of text to prove\_\_\_\_\_\_.

TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
RL7.3	RL.6.3	RL.8.3
Analyze how particular elements of a story	Describe how a particular story's	Analyze how particular lines of dialogue or
or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes	or drama's plot unfolds in a series of	incidents in a story or drama propel the
the characters or plot).	episodes as well as how characters respond	action, reveal aspects of a character, or
(RS Weeks 7-9)	or change as the plot moves	provoke a decision.

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		toward a resolution.	
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## **Standard Unpacked**

#### The student can...

- Analyze how elements of a story or drama interact.
- Identify and understand literary elements in a text.
- Analyze how literary elements interact in a prose.
- Analyze how a particular character is shaped by the setting of a story or drama.
- Recognize the role a setting plays in shaping the plot of a story or drama.

## **Question Stems**

- 1. How did a character evolve with the plot of the story or drama?
- 2. Describe the conflict and resolution of the story or drama. How did the mood of the text change with the resolution?
- 3. How did the character change affect the tone of the piece?
- 4. How does flashback impact the story/drama?

TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
RL7.6	RL.6.6	RL.8.6
Analyze how an author develops and	Explain how an author develops the point	Analyze how differences in the points of view
contrasts the points of view of different	of view of the narrator or speaker in a text	of the characters and the audience or reader
characters or narrators in a text.		(e.g., created through the use of dramatic
		irony) create such effects as suspense or
		humor.

# Standard Unpacked

#### The student can...

- Analyze how an author develops the points of view of characters and narrators.
- Identify point of view
- Understand and explain how points of view of characters or narrators are developed by the author
- Analyze how and explain why characters'/narrators' points of view differ
- Analyze how an author develops the points of view of multiple narrators or characters in a text.
- Compare and contrast the points of view of multiple narrators or characters in a text.

1.	From whose p	ooint of view is the text	written? Who is s	neaking? To whom?
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- 2. How does the narrator's point of view differ from the \_\_\_\_\_character's point of view? How do you know they differ?
- 3. How does the author develop the narrator's point of view? What strategies does he use?
- 4. How does the point of view of the protagonist differ from the antagonist?

TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
RI7.8	RI 6.8:	RI 8.8:
Trace and evaluate the argument and	Trace and evaluate the argument and	Delineate and evaluate the argument and
specific claims in a text, assessing whether	specific claims in a text, distinguishing	specific claims in a text,
the reasoning is sound and the evidence is	claims that are supported by reasons and	assessing whether the reasoning is sound
relevant and sufficient to support the	evidence from claims that are not.	and the evidence is relevant and
claims.		sufficient; recognize when irrelevant
		evidence is introduced

## Standard Unpacked

#### The student can...

- Understand how claims and/or arguments are supported by evidence from the text
- Trace the specific claims of an argument.
- Evaluate evidence relevant to the claims
- Outline the argument and specific claims presented in a text, and evaluate whether the reasoning is logical and the evidence is relevant and sufficient.
- Recognize when a text presents irrelevant evidence, and can explain how I know

- 1. What is the argument in the text?
- 2. Identify the claims used to support the argument.
- 3. Are these claims valid/invalid, and if so, why?
- 4. Is the argument well developed and supported? Explain your answer.

Weeks 4-6		
TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
RL 7.2	RL 6.2	L 8.2
Determine a theme or central idea of a text and	Determine a theme or central idea of a text	Determine a theme or central idea of a text

analyze its	and how it is conveyed through	and analyze its development
developments over the course of the text;	particular details; provide a summary of	over the course of the text, including its
provide an objective summary	the text distinct from personal opinions or	relationship to the characters, setting, and
of the text	judgments.	plot; provide an objective summary of the
		text.

## **Standard Unpacked**

#### The student can...

- Explain how particular details work together over the course of a text to create a theme.
- Determine the central idea of a text and describe how it evolves over the course of a text.
- Summarize the text objectively
- Derive the theme of a literacy text through analysis of key details

### **Question Stems**

- 1. Cite evidence from the text to support your determination of the theme/central idea.
- 2. \_\_\_\_ best captures the theme.
- 3. An example of how the theme recurs/is developed in the text is\_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. How can you objectively summarize the text?

TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
RI 7.6	RI 6.6	RI 8.6
Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author distinguishes his or her position from that of others.	Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text	Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints.

## **Standard Unpacked**

- Identify and analyze purpose
- Identify and analyze point of view
- Determine the author's point of view or purpose in a text.
- Understand and explain how the point of view/purpose is distinguished from that of others

## **Question Stems**

- 1. What is the author's point or view or purpose?
- 2. How does the author's word choice help develop the point of view/purpose?
- 3. How does the author distinguish their position from that of others?

Weeks 7-9		
TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
RL 7.5	RL 6.5	RL 8.5
Analyze how a drama's or poem's form or structure (e.g., soliloquy, sonnet) contributes to its meaning	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot	Compare and contrast the structure of two or more texts and analyze how the differing structure of each texts contributes to its meaning and style

## **Standard Unpacked**

#### The student can:

- Understand and identify types of drama and poetry
- Analyze the form or structure of drama and poetry
- Interpret the meaning of drama and poetry
- Understand and analyze how text structure contributes to the meaning of a drama or poem

- 1. What is the structure of the text?
- 2. What is the meaning of the text?
- 3. How does the structure of the text contribute to its meaning?
- 4. How does the sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fit into the overall structure of a \_\_\_\_\_?5. How would the meaning of the poem /drama have been different if it were written as a \_\_\_\_\_?

Language - Vocabulary/Conventions		
Weeks 1-3		
TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
L.7.4.b	L 6.4 b	L 8.4 b
Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or
Latin affixes and roots as clues to the	sentence or paragraph; a word's position or	Latin affixes and roots a clues to the meaning
meaning of a word (e.g., belligerent,	function in a sentence) as a clue to the	of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).
bellicose, rebel).	meaning of a word or phrase	
(RS Weeks 4-6 and 7-9)		

## **Standard Unpacked**

#### The student can:

- Use context clues to derive word meaning
- Use Greek and Latin affixes and roots to derive word meaning
- Use reference materials to derive word meanings
- Use reference materials to determine correct pronunciation of words
- Trace the etymology of words
- Verify word meaning

- 1. Based upon the use of the word in the sentence, what can you deduce the word\_\_\_\_\_ means?
- 2. Does the positioning of the word\_\_\_\_\_assist in deteremining meaning? Is an appositive clue provided?
- 3. Do you recognize a familiar word part (affix or root) in the word? What meaning does the affix/root provide?
- 4. Has the meaning/use of the word\_\_\_\_\_changed over time? How?

TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
L.7.6	L 6.6	L 8.6
Acquire and use accurately grade-	Acquire and use accurately grade-	Acquire and use accurately grade-
appropriate general academic and domain-	appropriate general academic and domain-	appropriate general academic and domain-
specific words and phrases; gather	specific words and phrases; gather	specific words and phrases; gather
vocabulary knowledge when considering a	vocabulary knowledge when considering a	vocabulary knowledge when considering a



word or phrase important to	word or phrase important to	word or phrase important to comprehension
comprehension or expression.	comprehension or expression.	or expression.
(RS Weeks 4-6 and 7-9)		
Standard Unpacked		
The student can:		
<ul> <li>Identify, understand and use general acad</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Identify, understand, and use domain-specified</li> </ul>	ecific terms	
<ul> <li>Independently build vocabulary</li> </ul>		
Question Stems		
1. What is the meaning for the term	?	
	vordis used in different subject are	
	eaning of the domain-specific word	
4. What strategies do you use for identifying	g, understanding, and using high-utility acader	nic words?
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TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
L7.1	L 6.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions	L 8.1
Demonstrate command of the conventions		Demonstrate command of the conventions of
of standard English grammar and usage	of standard English grammar and usage	Standard English grammar
when writing or speaking.  a. Explain the function of phrases and	when writing or speaking.  a. Ensure that pronouns are in the proper	and usage when writing or speaking.  a. Explain the function
clauses in general and general and their	case (subjective, objective, possessive).	of verbal's (gerunds, participles, infinitives)
functions in specific sentences.	b. Use all pronouns, including intensive	in general and their function in particular
b. Chose among simple, compound,	pronouns (e.g., myself, ourselves) correctly.	sentences.
complex, and compound-complex	c. Recognize and correct inappropriate	b. Form and use verbs in the active and
sentences to signal differing relationship	shifts in pronoun number and person.	passive voice.
among ideas	c. Recognize and correct vague pronouns	c. Form and use verbs in the indicative,
c. Place phrases and clauses within a	(i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous	imperative, interrogative, conditional, and
sentence, recognizing and correcting	antecedents).	subjunctive
misplaced and dangling modifiers	d. Recognize variations from standard	mood.
(RS Weeks 4-6 and 7-9)	English in their own and others' writing	d. Recognize and correct inappropriate
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strategies to improve expression in	
conventional	 
language.	

# **Standard Unpacked**

#### The student can:

- Know and correctly use all parts of speech (noun, pronoun, verb, adverb, adjective, etc.)
- Identify and correctly use phrases and clauses
- Identify and correctly use simple sentences
- Identify and correctly use compound sentences
- Identify and correctly use complex sentences
- Identify and correctly use compound-complex sentences
- Identify and correctly use (place) modifiers

- 1. What is a phrase? How does it differ from clause?
- 2. What is an independent clause? What is a dependent clause? Which is the same as a simple sentence?
- 3. What is a compound sentence?
- 4. Name the words that are used to connect two independent clauses.
- 5. What is a complex sentence? How does if differ from a compound sentence?
- 6. What types and how many clauses are used in a compound-complex sentence?
- 7. Is the position of the modifier correct? What word is word is being modified?
- 8. What is a dangling modifier?
- 9. In what way does the passage deviate from conventional use?

TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
L 7.2	W 6.2	W 8.2:
Demonstrate command of the conventions	Write informative/ explanatory texts to	Write informative/ explanatory texts,
of standard English capitalization,	examine a topic and convey ideas,	including career development documents
punctuation, and spelling when writing.	concepts, and information through the	(e.g., simple business letters and job
a. Use a comma to separate coordinate	selection, organization, and analysis of	applications), to examine a topic and convey
adjectives	relevant content.	complex ideas, concepts, and information
b. Spell correctly	a. Introduce a topic or thesis statement;	through the selection, organization, and
(RS Weeks 4-6 and 7-9)	organize ideas, concepts, and information,	analysis of relevant content.

using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

h. Develop the topic with relevant facts

- b. Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
- c. Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
- d. Use precise language and domain-specific

vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

- e. Establish and maintain a formal style. f. Provide a concluding statement or
- f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

a. Introduce a topic or thesis statement clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

- b. Develop the topic with relevant, wellchosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
- c. Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
- d. Use precise language and domainspecific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
- e. Establish and maintain a formal style.
- f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented

## **Standard Unpacked**

#### The student can:

- Use commas to separate coordinate adjectives
- Punctuate correctly
- Spell correctly

- 1. What are coordinate adjectives? How do you correctly punctuate coordinate adjectives in a sentence?
- 2. What is the correct spelling of this word?
- 3. Are standard English conventions correctly demonstrated?
- 4. What might the author/you do to address conventional errors and improve clarity?

Writing		
Weeks 1-3		
TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
W 7.1	W6.1	W8.1
Write arguments to support claims with	Write arguments to support claims with	Write arguments to support claims with clear
clear reasons and relevant evidence.	clear reasons and relevant evidence.	reasons and relevant evidence.
(RS Weeks 7-9)		

## **Standard Unpacked**

#### The student can:

- Establish and maintain formal text structure
- Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion
- Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
- Develop claims fairly, supplying evidence while pointing out the strengths that anticipates audience's knowledge level.

# **Question Stems**

- 1. Introduce a claim, acknowledge and address alternate/opposing claims.
- 2. In sentence\_\_\_\_\_, the author supports his counter argument with relevant evidence.
- 3. Which sentences best support the counterargument?
- 4. What data does the author use to support his claim?

TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
W7.1a	W6.1a	W8.1a
Introduce claim(s), acknowledge alternate	Introduce a claim(s) and organize the	Introduce claim(s), acknowledge and
or opposing claims, and organize the	reasons and evidence clearly	distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or
reasons and evidence logically.		opposing claims, and organize the reasons
(RS Weeks 4-6 and 7-9)		and evidence logically.

### Standards Unpacked

- Demonstrate an understanding of the text
- Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence
- Support claim(s) using accurate, credible sources

## **Question Stems**

- 1. What data does the author use to support his claim?
- 2. Does the data come from a credible source?
- 3. Rewrite the concluding statement to support the argument presented.

TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
W7.1b	W 6.1b	W 8.1b
Supports claims with logical reasoning and	Support claim(s) with clear reasons and	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and
relevant evidence, using accurate, credible	relevant evidence, using credible sources	relevant evidence, using accurate, credible
sources and demonstrating an	and demonstrating an understanding of the	sources and demonstrating an understanding
understanding of the topic text.	topic or text.	of the topic or text.
(RS Weeks 4-6 and 7-9)		

# **Standard Unpacked**

### The student can:

- Develop support for a claim that is credible and relevant
- Sequence supporting evidence in a logical order

- 1. Which sentences best support the argument?
- 2. What is credible source?
- 3. Rewrite the concluding statement to support the argument presented.

Weeks 4-6		
TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
W7.1c	W 6.1c	W 8.1c
Use words, phrases, and clauses to create	Use words, phrases, and clauses to clarify	Use words, phrases, and clauses to create
cohesion and clarify the relationships among	the relationships among claim(s) and	cohesion and clarify the relationships among
the claim(s), reasons, and evidence	reasons	claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and
(RS Weeks 7-9)		evidence.

## **Standard Unpacked**

#### The student can:

- Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion
- Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claims, reasons, and evidence

### **Question Stems**

1. In sentence\_\_\_\_\_, the author supports his counter argument with relevant evidence

TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
W7.1d	SAME	SAME
Establish and maintain a formal style.		

# Standard Unpacked

### The student can:

• Maintain a formal style

## **Question Stems**

- 1. What language indicates a formal style?
- 2. Distinguish informal writing from formal writing. What are the distinctive features of formal writing?

TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
W7.1e	W 6.1e	W 8.1e
Provide a concluding statement or section	Provide a concluding statement or section	Provide a concluding statement or section
that follows from and supports the	that follows from the argument presented	that follows from and supports the argument
argument presented.		presented.

## **Standard Unpacked**

#### The student can:

• Provide a concluding statement or section that supports the argument.

## **Question Stems**

1. Rewrite the concluding statement to support the argument presented.

TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
W7.3	W 6.3	W 8.3
Write narratives to develop real or	Write narratives to develop real or	Write narratives to develop real or imagined
imagined experiences or events using	imagined experiences or events using	experiences or events using effective
effective techniques, relevant descriptive	effective technique, relevant descriptive	technique, relevant descriptive details, and
details, and well-structured event	details, and well-structured event	well-structured event sequences.
sequences.	sequences.	

## **Standard Unpacked**

#### The student can:

- Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events.
- Employ narrative techniques, provide descriptive details, and structure event sequences effectively.

- 1. What is the main problem or conflict in the story?
- 2. In which sentences does the author establish his/her point of view?
- 3. How does the author introduce the narrator? Who is the narrator?
- 4. Name the first event that leads to the unfolding of the story?
- 5. Which significant events reveal the problem in the story?

Weeks 7-9		
TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
W7.6	W 6.6	W 8.6:
Use technology, including the Internet, to	Use technology, including the Internet, to	Use technology, including the Internet, to
produce and publish writing and link to and	produce and publish writing as well	produce and publish writing and present the
cite sources as well as to interact and	as to interact and collaborate with others;	relationships between information and ideas
collaborate with others, including linking to	demonstrate sufficient command of	efficiently as well as to interact and
and citing sources.	keyboarding skills to type a minimum of	collaborate with others.
	three pages in a single sitting.	

# Standard Unpacked

#### The student can:

- keyboard accurately
- use computer publishing software
- format and design page layouts
- embed links into a document
- access collaborative sources to discuss topics of interest

## **Question Stems**

**1.** How do you format a document before writing?

TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
W7.7	W 6.7	W 8.7:
Conduct short research projects to	Conduct short research	Conduct short research projects to answer a
answer a question, drawing on several	projects to answer a question, drawing on	question (including a self-generated
sources and generating additional related,	several sources and refocusing the inquiry	question), drawing on several sources and
focused questions for further research and	when appropriate	generating additional related, focused
investigation		questions that allow for multiple avenues of
		exploration.

# Standard Unpacked

### The student can:

- Conduct shore research projects to answer questions or to address assigned topics
- Draw on several sources when conducting research
- Generate new questions based on research

- 1. What question does your essay/report answer?
- 2. Which thesis statement is the best for this essay?



1<sup>st</sup> Quarter **English Language Arts** 

Speaking and Listening		
Weeks 1-3		
TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
SL 7.1 (a-b) Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.  a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.  b. Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed	SL 6.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.  a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.  b. Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed	SL 8.1: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher -led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.  a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or research material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.  b. Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
Standard Unpacked		

## Standard Unpacked

- Prepare for collaborative discussions
- incorporate evidence or information into the discussion which is relevant to the topic
- Know the rules for participating in a discussion
- Assign and assume roles in the discussion
- Set goals and deadlines, then track progress
- Pose and respond to questions posed by others

- Make relevant comments that help return the discussion to the topic
- Be willing to acknowledge new information expressed by others
- · Be willing to modify your own views based on the comments and information of others

## **Question Stems**

- 1. How did you prepare for today's discussion?
- 2. What are some questions you might ask during the discussion?
- 3. Based on what you read, what might you want to discuss more deeply with your group?
- 4. What are some rules that help make the discussion collegial?
- 5. What is your role in the discussion?
- 6. What are the specific goals of the discussion and long do we have to meet them?
- 7. How will we track the progress?
- 8. How will you contribute to the progress of the group?
- 9. Reflect on what you heard, what ideas can you add to the discussion?
- 10. Have your partners said anything that made you change your ideas? Did you acknowledge them?
- 11. Use this language frame: I agree/disagree with what you said
- 12. Use this language frame: In addition to what \_\_\_\_\_ said, I think...

Weeks 4-6		
TN Academic Standard	Prior Grade Standard	Future Grade Standard
SL7.6 Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 7 Language standards 1 and 3.)	SL 6.6: Adapt speech to variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.	SL 8.6: Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating a command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

## Standard Unpacked

- Identify the audience and purpose
- Know the difference between informal and formal English

- Vary sentence patterns for style
- Understand and adapt the delivery to appeal to the audience
- Enunciate and speak at appropriate volume and pace
- Use conventions of language to improve expression and understanding

- 1. What is the purpose of your speech and who is your intended audience?
- 2. Are you trying to persuade or convince your audience?
- 3. Will you need formal or informal English? Why?
- 4. Are you delivering a formal presentation? How will this affect your choice of words?
- 5. Are there places where you can substitute precise engaging language to keep the listeners interested?
- 6. How will your word choice impact your listeners?
- 7. How will you emphasize the important points?