

**Pennsylvania Academic Standards
correlated to
Merit Software Reading Comprehension Intermediate Programs**

Revised in January 2003, the Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening Standards describe what students should know and be able to do with the English language at four grade levels (third, fifth, eighth and eleventh). The standards provide the targets for instruction and student learning essential for success in all academic areas, not just language arts classrooms. Although the standards are not a curriculum or a prescribed series of activities, school entities will use them to develop a local school curriculum that will meet local students' needs.

Merit's Reading Comprehension Intermediate programs address the following Pennsylvania Academic Standards:

Grades 6-8

Subhead	Content	Standard	Merit Software
Reading	1.1. Learning to Read Independently	1.1.8.C Use knowledge of root words as well as context clues and glossaries to understand specialized vocabulary in the content areas during reading. Use these words accurately in speaking and writing.	Accu-Reading Sets 1 - 2, Reading Shape Up Set 2
Reading	1.1. Learning to Read Independently	1.1.8.D Identify basic facts and ideas in text using specific strategies (e.g., recall genre characteristics, set a purpose for reading, generate essential questions as aids to comprehension and clarify understanding through rereading and discussion).	Accu-Reading Sets 1 - 2, Reading Shape Up Set 2, Developing Critical Thinking Skills Sets 1- 2, Reading Critically Non-fiction Sets 1,2, & 3, Real World Reading Skills Set 2, Literature Based Reading Sets 1-2, Reading Strategies for Career Success Set 1
Reading	1.1. Learning to Read Independently	1.1.8.F Understand the meaning of and apply key vocabulary across the various subject areas.	Accu-Reading Sets 1 - 2, Reading Shape Up Set 2
Reading	1.1. Learning to Read Independently	1.1.8.G Demonstrate after reading understanding and interpretation of both fiction and nonfiction text, including public documents.	Developing Critical Thinking Skills Sets 1- 2, Reading Critically Non-fiction Sets 1,2, & 3, Real World Reading Skills Set 2, Literature Based Reading Sets 1-2, Reading Strategies for Career Success Set 1

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Reading	1.2. Reading Critically in All Content Areas	1.2.8.A Read and understand essential content of informational texts and documents in all academic areas.	Reading Shape Up Set 2
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Reading	1.3. Reading, Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	1.3.8.A Read and understand works of literature.	Literature Based Reading Sets 1-2
Reading	1.3. Reading, Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	1.3.8.B Analyze the use of literary elements by an author including characterization, setting, plot, theme, point of view, tone and style.	Literature Based Reading Sets 1-2
Reading	1.3. Reading, Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	1.3.8.F Read and respond to nonfiction and fiction including poetry and drama.	Developing Critical Thinking Skills Sets 1- 2, Reading Critically Non-fiction Sets 1,2, & 3, Real World Reading Skills Set 2, Literature Based Reading Sets 1-2, Reading Strategies for Career Success Set 1