READING LIKE A HIST RIAN



Augustus Lesson

Central Historical Question: What kind of leader was Augustus?

California State 6.7.4: Discuss the influence of Julius Caesar and Augustus in Rome's transition from republic to empire.

Common Core State Standard(s):

Reading

- 1. Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.
- 2. Determine the central ideas of information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
- **4.** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.
- **6.** Identify aspects of a text that reveal an author's point of view or purpose.
- **7.** Integrate visual information with other information in print and digital texts.
- **8.** Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment in a text.
- **10.** By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

Writing

- 1. Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
- a) Introduce claims about a topic or issue, acknowledge and distinguish the claims from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
- **b)** Support claims with logical reasoning and relevant, accurate data and evidence that demonstrate and understanding of the topic or text, using credible sources.
- c) Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claims, counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
- d) Establish and maintain a formal style.
- e) Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
- **4.** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose and audience.
- **7.** Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
- **8.** Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources (primary and secondary), using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
- 9. Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis reflection and res*earch*.
- 10. Write routinely over extended time frames and short time frames for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.