

**Virginia Standards of Learning Assessments
Grade 8 Reading Performance Level Descriptors
Brief**

| Performance Level | Descriptor |
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| Pass/Advanced | The student demonstrates exceptional understanding and extensive application of the knowledge and skills necessary to extend and apply vocabulary development; analyze text structures; read and follow instructions; draw conclusions and make inferences; evaluate text; and explain the use of symbols, figurative language, and word choice. |
| Pass/Proficient | The student demonstrates sufficient understanding and application of the knowledge and skills necessary to extend and apply vocabulary development; analyze text structures; read and follow instructions; draw conclusions and make inferences; evaluate text; and explain the use of symbols, figurative language, and word choice. |
| Fail/Basic | The student demonstrates partial understanding and application of the knowledge and skills necessary to extend and apply vocabulary development; analyze text structures; read and follow instructions; draw conclusions and make inferences; evaluate text; and explain the use of symbols, figurative language, and word choice. |
| Fail/Below Basic | The student demonstrates minimal understanding and little application of the knowledge and skills necessary to extend and apply vocabulary development; analyze text structures; read and follow instructions; draw conclusions and make inferences; evaluate text; and explain the use of symbols, figurative language, and word choice. |