



# Year 8 Milestone Criteria

## English – Reading Assessment (Language)

**AO1: Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas.**

**AO2: Explain, comment on and analyse how writers use language and structure to achieve effects and influence readers, using relevant subject terminology to support their views.**

**AO3: Compare writers' ideas and perspectives, as well as how these are conveyed, across two or more texts.**

**AO4: Evaluate texts critically and support this with appropriate textual references.**

PURPLE	AO1	Makes perceptive inferences about meanings of texts.	
	AO1	Successfully embeds quotations into own writing.	
	AO2	Accurately uses a range of advanced subject terminology.	
	AO2	Beginning to 'zoom in' on writer's individual word choices, clearly explaining their meanings and effects.	
	AO2	Clearly understands how a text is structured.	
	AO3	Makes perceptive comparisons throughout response, using a variety of connectives.	
	AO4	Perceptively considers the writer's viewpoint and perspective when evaluating why a writer has made language and structural choices.	
BLUE	AO1	Able to make clear inferences about meanings of texts.	
	AO1	Clear and relevant quotations are used to support ideas.	
	AO2	A range of subject terminology is accurately used.	
	AO2	Able to clearly explain a writers' meanings.	
	AO2	Able to explain, in general terms, how a text is structured.	
	AO3	Able to clearly explain the similarities and differences between two texts.	
	AO4	Clearly explains how and why a writer has made language and/or structural choices.	
GREEN	AO1	Able to explain some implicit meanings of texts.	
	AO1	Able to select appropriate quotations to support ideas.	
	AO2	Terminology such as nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs used accurately.	
	AO2	Effects on reader are referred to with generic statements.	
	AO3	Able to use comparative connectives to identify the similarities and differences between two texts.	
YELLOW	AO4	Able to explain how and why a writer has made language choices.	
	AO1	Able to identify some of the more obvious explicit meanings of texts.	
	AO1	Some points supported with a quotation.	
	AO2	Terminology is at times used correctly.	
	AO3	The main similarities and differences between texts can be summarised.	
	AO4	Able to identify a personal response to a text and give a reason for it.	