The resources below have been created to assist teachers' understanding and to aid instruction of this standard.

College and Career Readiness (CCR) Anchor Standard	Standard: L.8.2.a - Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
L.CCR.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.	Questions to Focus Learning What punctuation can demonstrate a break or pause in the text? Why would a writer want to create uncertainty or create a pause in the flow of a sentence? Effective writers utilize their knowledge of standard English punctuation to clearly communicate their thoughts and ideas. Student Friendly Objectives *Student-Friendly Knowledge Targets* I can use a comma, ellipsis, or dash to signal a pause within the sentence for a deliberate effect or special emphasis. I can use an ellipsis or dash to create an effect of uncertainty. I can use an ellipsis or dash to suggest an abrupt suspension of thought. Vocabulary ellipsis signal Teacher Tips http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/marks/ellipsis.htm This website provides an explanation of the ellipsis and when to use it. http://www.thepunctuationguide.com/ellipses.html This website provides very basic rules for several of the finer points of punctuation. Useful student reference. Horizontal Alignment

L.8.2a - Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
L.8.2b - Use an ellipsis to indicate an omission.
L.8.2c - Spell correctly

Vertical Progression

L.K.2 - Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
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L.11-12.2 - Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

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