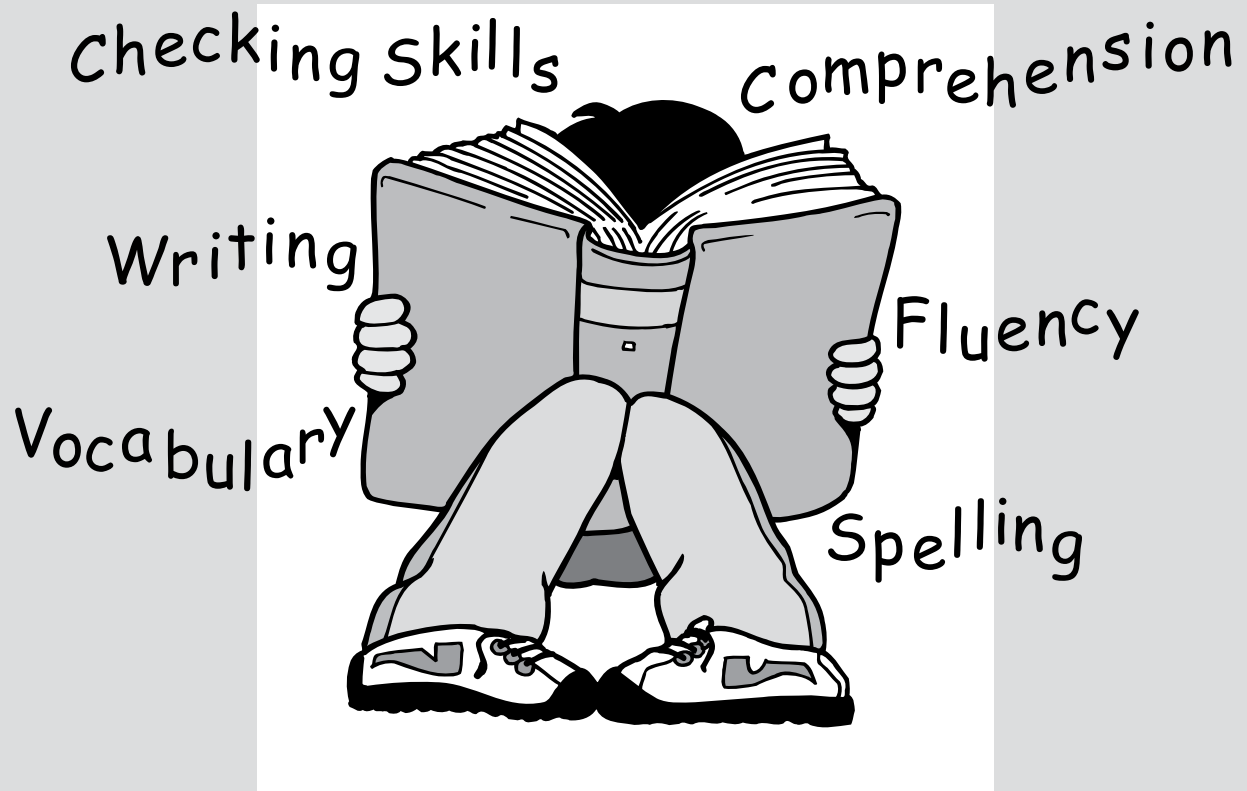


# STUDENT TEST BOOKLET

6-8 Week Skills Assessments Developed for  
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## GRADE 6 Theme 2

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the story carefully. Then read each question and fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

## **Theodate, the Different**

*Mary Evans Andrews*

“Effie, Effie! Still in your school dress?”

Eight-year-old Effie Pope looked up from her drawing as her beautiful mother entered the playroom. “Hurry, now. Our guests will soon be here. Iris will help you dress and bring you down for tea.”

“Oh, Mama, do I have to?”

Effie’s parents were tall and handsome. She was short, plump, and “plain.” When they met her, most grownups would look surprised and politely admire her expensive dresses. Then they talked to each other while she stood by feeling awkward and bored.

“Please come see what I’m drawing, Mama. It’s my biggest house yet.”

With a sigh, Effie’s mother stepped over to her desk.

“It’s very nice, dear, but you mustn’t spend all your time drawing houses. You should be wearing your pretty clothes and going to parties like other girls.”

In 1868, when Effie was born, proper young ladies grew up to be wives and mothers. Her parents could not believe their only child would want to do anything else. Effie’s father was a millionaire; her mother was a popular and stylish society leader.

Growing up in a large Cleveland, Ohio, house, Effie was surrounded by servants—and she was lonely. The place she liked best was her grandmother’s house in Salem, Ohio. There she could play with her cousins and even slide down the banisters. She wrote:

“Christmas morning: cousins laughing in the upstairs hall, legs thrown over the mahogany stair rail. Swish, and I am caught in the curve of the newel post. Tree and gifts wait inside the library. Its locked door refuses to open to determined rattling. Run to see the new snow through four-colored glass of the entry door. Blue makes a ghastly dawn, rose a cheery pink morning. Climbing on a chair, we see a golden world, and stretching on tiptoe, a violent red one.”

When Effie was eight, she gave her parents a “portfolio” of her best drawings. Watching nervously, hoping for “expressions of delight,” she received only halfhearted thank-yous.

At school, shy Effie was only interested in art and reading and didn’t enjoy her classmates’ games. Her rich parents traveled a lot, so she had plenty of time to read—and think. She decided that Effie was no name for a future architect. In fact it sounded downright silly. She changed her name to that of her grandmother, Theodate (which means “God’s gift” or “God-given”). From that day, she refused to answer anyone who called her Effie.

Luckily, Theodate and her favorite cousin, Elizabeth, were sent off to a boarding school together. It was the famous Miss Porter’s School in Farmington, Connecticut. Theodate loved the charming, little town with its beautiful, old homes. Privately, she resolved to live here, not in crowded, busy Cleveland.

*Now answer the questions about this part of the selection.*

1. Theodate's main interest when she was growing up was
  - A. dressing up in fancy dresses.
  - B. going to parties.
  - C. drawing houses.
  - D. playing school sports.
  
2. Theodate changed her name from Effie to Theodate because
  - A. she never liked the name "Effie."
  - B. Theodate was her nickname.
  - C. she wanted to make her grandmother proud.
  - D. she felt nobody would take an architect named Effie seriously.
  
3. The last sentence on page 2 states that Theodate was privately resolved to live in Farmington, Connecticut, not Cleveland. The word *resolved* means
  - A. determined.
  - B. solved.
  - C. refusing.
  - D. surrounded.

Of course, her parents had other plans. When she graduated, they took her on a “grand tour” of Europe. Theodate was thrilled by the beauty of foreign art and architecture. She sketched buildings everywhere, especially in England. The sturdy, stone villages in the Cotswolds near London made a lasting impression on her. She knew she would enjoy building houses more than anything.

Back in Cleveland, Mrs. Pope made an effort to launch her daughter into the social whirl. Theodate loved her parents, so she tried to please them—briefly. But going to parties dressed in Paris finery simply bored her to death.

Finally, she persuaded them to let her return to Farmington. She had a place picked out, a modest, eighteenth-century house. “They thought I would be tired of it in three months,” she wrote later. “How wrong they were.”

The old house needed repairs. She bought it and a cottage next-door, which she attached to the big house. Restoring them both, inside and out, was her first experience as a builder. Working on the house only made Theodate more interested in buildings. She realized that to use her imagination and creativity fully, repairing and restoring were not enough. She was determined to become a professional architect.

She decided to study at Princeton, though the school did not admit women. Theodate solved this problem by moving to the town and employing university professors as her private tutors. She was allowed to sit in on some classes in architecture, but she wasn’t given college credit. Theodate didn’t mind. All she wanted was information—to pass the exam for her architect’s license.

Besides classroom study, Theodate knew she needed experience with an established architect. She convinced her parents to move to Farmington, and she began to design a large country house for them.

McKim, Mead, and White, the largest architectural firm in New York in 1898, was hired to provide the drawings for the house. Theodate worked closely with the firm, and her ideas influenced the final design.

Theodate was interested in creating a new sort of house, one that looked original. She wanted it to remind people of their American background; she wanted it to be comfortable and homey, yet stand tall and proud. She used George Washington’s Mount Vernon home as a model. Theodate’s house was called Hill-Stead. One famous guest, Theodore Roosevelt, commented, “Hill-Stead is the ideal of what an American country home should be.”

Theodate passed her architect’s exam in 1910. Her first large job was to design a girl’s school in Middlebury, Connecticut. Finished in 1912, the original building forms a handsome quadrangle, or hollow square. Students can walk from their rooms to classes, to meals, chapel, or library without going out in bad weather. Westover School, a boarding high school, still stands today.

Mary Hillard, Theodate’s good friend, was the new school’s first headmistress. Theodate used to visit several times a year, sometimes without warning. Whenever “The Yellow Peril,” her big, powerful, sports car, roared up the drive, Miss Hillard would dismiss classes for the rest of the day. The girls were delighted.

*Now answer the questions about this part of the selection.*

4. When Theodate began to restore the old house in Farmington, her parents thought
- A. they should support her efforts to become an architect.
  - B. she would be tired of it in three months.
  - C. she would do a good job.
  - D. she would go on to design office buildings.
5. Theodate wanted to study architecture at Princeton, but the school didn't admit women. How did she get an education if she couldn't attend classes?
- A. She studied by herself at the university library.
  - B. She asked for help from other students.
  - C. She hired the professors to teach her.
  - D. She persuaded professors to let her take the exams without attending classes.
6. Theodate realized she needed practical experience before she could take the exam for her architect's license. How did she solve that problem?
- A. She got a job with an architectural firm.
  - B. She helped design a house for her parents.
  - C. She hired and trained the local builders.
  - D. She bought and rebuilt a modest eighteenth-century home in Farmington.
7. What was Theodate's first job after getting an architect's license?
- A. She designed a girl's boarding school in Connecticut.
  - B. She restored an old house and cottage in Connecticut.
  - C. She built Hill-Stead for Theodore Roosevelt.
  - D. She restored Mary Hillard's country home.

In 1918, Theodate became a distinguished member of the American Institute of Architects. The Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Association chose her to rebuild the former president's birthplace in New York City. The townhouse had been torn down, and she had to start over from the original plans. She also had to add a wing to serve as a museum and refurnish the home in the style of 1865.

When the National Park Service took over and spruced up the house more than fifty years later, they discovered how accurate she had been. Every detail down to the nails and cupboard hinges belonged to the correct period.

Theodate and her husband, the American diplomat John Wallace Riddle, had no children, but they raised three boys whose parents, all missionaries, had died. Perhaps because she had been so lonely and "different" as a child, Theodate always sympathized with young people. She would listen by the hour to their hopes and problems. "Be yourself," she advised. "Let the world think what it likes."

She believed that every individual has talent. She decided to build a school for boys that would help each student discover and develop his own talent. In her school, a boy would learn from books, and he would learn to work with his hands also. He would spend part of each day in community service.

Theodate bought 2,500 acres along the Farmington River: forest and farmland, a quarry, and ponds. Over a period of years, she tramped across the land, picturing in her mind the buildings and where each would stand. That was how she always worked, seeing a building whole in her mind before she drew a line on paper.

One Sunday afternoon, she jumped up from her chair on the porch at Hill-Stead and called an assistant to meet her at the nearby studio. As fast as he could pin paper on the drawing board, she sketched. In minutes, the rough outlines of all eighteen buildings appeared.

She brought builders from the Cotswolds in England who used seventeenth-century tools and methods. In time, they trained about 250 local workers. Red-brown stone was quarried on the place, and oaks were cut from its forest. Slate shingles and most other materials were shaped by hand. When the buildings rose, they looked as if they had grown where they stood.

Two quadrangles were made up of dormitories, classrooms, a chapel, a library, and even a bank! The school had its own water tower, power plant, carpenter and blacksmith shops, and a working farm, with sheep, cattle, and horses.

Theodate planned and supervised not only the construction, but also the program of studies. Her ideals were so high that she was not easy to work with. But her idea worked. Avon Old Farms School is still flourishing, with a student body of 300 to 400 boys from all parts of the United States.

Carved above its gate is Theodate's personal motto, *Aspire and Persevere*. "Be glad you are different," she would add. "The ways in which people differ are more important than the ways they are alike."

*Now answer the questions about this part of the selection.*

8. Which of the following choices best explains why Theodate became a distinguished member of the American Institute of Architects?
- A. She spent time with young people and respected and encouraged them.
  - B. She had traveled through Europe.
  - C. She was a careful designer who paid attention to the smallest details.
  - D. She raised three boys whose parents had died.
9. Why did the Avon Old Farms School buildings look “as if they had grown where they stood?”
- A. Theodate hired local builders to do most of the work.
  - B. McKim, Mead, and White provided the drawings for the school.
  - C. The school had its own tower and power plant.
  - D. Theodate carefully planned her design using stones and other natural materials from the property.
10. What advice do you think Theodate would give to parents?
- A. Be strict when children are growing up.
  - B. Encourage children to follow their interests and talents.
  - C. Take children to Europe if you can afford it.
  - D. Always sympathize with young people.

TOTAL SCORE: ____/10
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**Read each sentence. On the line provided, write the correct possessive form of the noun in parentheses to complete each sentence.**

1. Radio (operators) \_\_\_\_\_ signals were not recorded in the cockpit.
2. Years later the (investigator) \_\_\_\_\_ report did not solve the mystery.
3. Searchers found that the (islands) \_\_\_\_\_ geography made the rescue difficult because they were surrounded by jagged reefs.

**Read each sentence. Underline the action verb and circle the direct object.**

4. Each evening the girls quietly watched the moon.
5. In the story, the moon carries light across the sky.



**Read each sentence. Underline the verb phrase and write the main and auxiliary verbs on the lines provided.**

6. Children would play on the beach all day.

**Main Verb**

**Auxiliary Verb**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Everyone in the village had admired the moon's beauty.

**Main Verb**

**Auxiliary Verb**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Read each sentence. Underline the verb or verb phrase. Fill in the bubble next to the answer that correctly identifies the verb.**

8. Fossils were found at Ghost Ranch.

transitive       intransitive

9. Geologists had studied skeletons in the canyon.

transitive       intransitive

10. Scientists carefully cut blocks of rock.

transitive       intransitive

**TOTAL SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_/10**

**DIRECTIONS:** Read all of the sentences. If an underlined word is misspelled, fill in the bubble next to the sentence. If none of the underlined words are misspelled, fill in the bubble next to “No mistake.”

1.  A. His look of anger and scorn showed his disappointment with the decision.
  - B. The boy mourned for his friends who had moved to another city.
  - C. Basketball players charged down the cort and scored the winning point.
  - D. No mistake
2.  A. Mother knitted a yellow and green shawl with wool yarn.
  - B. The dry cleaner put too much storch in dad’s white shirts.
  - C. Astronomers use high-powered telescopes to chart stars and planets.
  - D. No mistake
3.  A. White, pleated skurts covered the tables in the convention hall.
  - B. Purses of different sizes and colors were on sale at the department store.
  - C. She wants to rehearse her songs in the morning before the concert.
  - D. No mistake
4.  A. Our kitchen floor was littered with pieces of broken glass.
  - B. When you go to the store, please buy a gallon of milk.
  - C. The frightoned animal was shaking with fear.
  - D. No mistake
5.  A. Safety regulations limit the number of passengers in an elevater.
  - B. The first day of January is the beginning of the new calendar year.
  - C. Take time to correct errors on your paper before you give it to your teacher.
  - D. No mistake

6.  A. Angry and disappointed, the man struggled to keep his composure.
- B. Peopel lined the streets to watch the parade.
- C. Mother sent the twins to their rooms because they had been quarreling all morning.
- D. No mistake
7.  A. Rural areas around the city were purchased by land developers.
- B. The artist had a mentel image of the painting he wanted to create.
- C. During the race, the horse stumbled but recovered and won second place.
- D. No mistake
8.  A. A messenger warned the king about a possible attack.
- B. Grandfather said when he was a youngster he lived on a farm.
- C. Our camp directer had scheduled a hiking trip to the waterfall.
- D. No mistake
9.  A. The sweet sent of orange blossoms filled the air.
- B. Our honorable principal was always fair with the students.
- C. We were reminded to use proper manners in the cafeteria.
- D. No mistake
10.  A. The dramatic scene in the play startled the audience.
- B. A vane and self-centered person will not have many friends.
- C. Fabric for the quilt was dyed with pastel colors.
- D. No mistake

TOTAL SCORE: _____/10
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**PART 1 — Antonyms**

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the sentence. Choose the word that means the **opposite** of the underlined word. Then fill in the bubble next to the word you have chosen.

1. Track star Carl Lewis has earned nine Olympic gold medals, a legendary accomplishment.
  - A. testimony
  - B. inspiration
  - C. achievement
  - D. failure
  
2. When the magician made the car disappear in a cloud of smoke, the audience was amazed.
  - A. emerge
  - B. taxi
  - C. vanish
  - D. navigate
  
3. The shopper's suspicious behavior alerted the security police in the store.
  - A. treacherous
  - B. trusting
  - C. mistrusting
  - D. runway

**PART 2 — Multiple Meanings**

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the sentence. Read and answer the question. Fill in the bubble next to the answer you have chosen.

4. Occasionally, a congressman's job is to channel people's concerns to the appropriate agency.
 

In which sentence is the word channel used **in the same way** as in the sentence above?

  - A. Employees must channel vacation requests through their supervisor.
  - B. The captain steered his boat through the narrow channel.
  - C. Search the television guide until you find the sports channel.
  - D. A plumber repaired the clogged water channel in our pipes.
  
5. Each joint in her hand is swollen from arthritis.
 

In which sentence is the word joint used **in the same way** as in the sentence above?

  - A. A joint statement was issued to the press by both parties.
  - B. Her favorite place to eat is a small hamburger joint in town.
  - C. Each joint on the hardcover workbook had deep cracks from frequent use.
  - D. The operation on the runner's knee joint will take weeks to heal.

**PART 3 — Context Meaning**

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the sentence. Using context, choose the word that means the **same**, or **about the same**, as the underlined word. Then fill in the bubble next to the word you have chosen.

- 6. He spent a tranquil afternoon quietly reading a book in his room.
  - A. extinct
  - B. sparkling
  - C. peaceful
  - D. prehistoric
  
- 7. After presenting three days of compelling evidence, the attorney rested his case.
  - A. accounting
  - B. powerful
  - C. journal
  - D. aviation

**PART 4 — Synonyms**

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the sentence. Choose the word that means the **same**, or **about the same**, as the underlined word. Then fill in the bubble next to the word you have chosen.

- 8. Paleontologists worked the entire month excavating the site without finding any dinosaur bones.
  - A. digging
  - B. scouting
  - C. sodding
  - D. lapping
  
- 9. Scientists begin their research with a hypothesis and then attempt to prove it.
  - A. veil
  - B. hearth
  - C. fossil
  - D. conjecture
  
- 10. The lab sent the results of the blood specimen to the patient's doctor.
  - A. phases
  - B. sample
  - C. transmission
  - D. erosion

TOTAL SCORE: _____/10
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Passage #1

Refer to “General Directions for **One-Minute** Administration of Reading Passages.”

Say these specific directions to the student:

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Jackie Robinson excelled in sports at the University of California in Los Angeles. He played baseball, track, football, and basketball. He was the first athlete to letter in four sports in the same year at UCLA. This means he received four achievement awards in sports.

After leaving school, he was drafted into the army. While serving, he refused to sit in the back of a bus. He was protesting this common act of racial discrimination. Although he was almost court-martialed over his refusal, the charges were dropped.

Early in the last century, African-American athletes were not allowed to play professional baseball with Major League ball teams. In 1945 Branch Rickey, the general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, knew it was wrong. He also knew it would take an extremely unusual talent to overcome the long-standing race barrier. When one of his scouts told him about Jackie Robinson, Rickey was certain he had the right man. By hiring Jackie Robinson, he defied strong resistance.

Robinson signed on knowing he would face many hardships. Even some of his teammates hurled racial slurs at him. He had promised Rickey he would control his anger and not respond to the abuse. He kept his word.

Robinson played second base. Soon others would follow: Satchel Paige, Willie Mays, and Hank Aaron, the first hitter to beat Babe Ruth’s home run record. Each is a legend, but Jackie Robinson was the first to persevere and break the race barrier.

EVALUATING CODES FOR ORAL READING	
sky (/)	word read incorrectly
blue ^ sky (^)	inserted word
(□)	after the last word read

Comments:

FLUENCY SCORE	
Number of Words	
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Number of Words	
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Passing Criterion (50th %ile)	= <u>134</u>

Errors include: 1) words read incorrectly; 2) words left out or inserted; 3) mispronounced words; 4) dropped endings or sounds; and 5) reversals. Self-corrections and word repetitions are NOT marked as errors.

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Ann Bancroft was born in 1955. She spent her 9  
 early childhood in a rural area of Minnesota. Ann 18  
 overcame a learning disability and graduated from 25  
 college. She taught physical education and wilderness 32  
 survival. 33

In 1986, Ann heard that a group was forming an 43  
 expedition to the North Pole. She displayed her first 52  
 risk-taking traits by becoming part of the six-member 62  
 team. 63

The group was going to replicate the experiences 71  
 of adventurers that had first traveled this cold and 80  
 desolate land long ago. They wanted the journey to 89  
 match the expedition of earlier explorers. The team 97  
 had to be self-sufficient. Taking only what they 106  
 needed, they used dogsleds and walked. No plans 114  
 were made for additional supplies to be provided 122  
 during their trek. Ann was the first woman to arrive 132  
 at the North Pole under these primitive and arduous 141  
 conditions. It took fifty-six days. 147

Ms. Bancroft has continued to explore. She 154  
 became the first woman to ski across Greenland. 162  
 She led the first team of women on a skiing odyssey 173  
 over six hundred miles to the South Pole. Traveling 182  
 about ten miles each day, the undertaking lasted 190  
 sixty-seven days. Ann’s message to others: “Girls 198  
 should go on thinking there is a world out there that 209  
 is theirs for the taking.” 214

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## Narrative Writing Prompt

**Writing Situation:** You have discovered a time machine in your backyard. The machine can travel forward or backward in time.

**Purpose:** To entertain

**Audience:** Publisher of *Adventure* magazine

**Writing Directions:** Write a short adventure story around a character traveling in time (past or future). Describe the setting and develop a plot with a problem or conflict. Use a story events sequence chart to plan your story.

### Student Checklist:

<b>Revising</b>
<p>___ Did you introduce the characters and setting at the beginning of your story?</p> <p>___ Did you tell your story’s sequence of events in a logical order?</p> <p>___ Did you use sensory details to develop the plot and character?</p> <p>___ Does your story have a beginning, middle, and end?</p> <p>___ Does your ending resolve the character’s problem or conflict?</p>
<b>Proofreading</b>
<p>___ Did you write in well-organized paragraphs?</p> <p>___ Did you use a variety of sentence structures with proper subject-verb agreement?</p> <p>___ Did you use correct grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling?</p>

Conventions Score: _____ /4 Genre Score: _____ /4 Writing Traits Score: _____ /4	<b>TOTAL RUBRIC SCORE: _____ /4</b>
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