	Reading/Vocabulary Development. Students understand new vocabulary and use it when reading and writing. Students are expected to:		
SE	TEKS	g and writing. Students are expected to:  Question Stems	
8.2 A	Determine the meaning of grade-level academic	(25) What does the word <u>alumni</u> mean in paragraph 7? (2013)	
0.27.	English words derived from Latin, Greek, or	(32) In paragraph 1, the word <u>intimidating</u> means(2013)	
	other linguistic roots and affixes	(38) Because the Latin root <i>tangere</i> means "to touch," the reader can	
		tell that the word intangible in paragraph 7 refers to something that	
	New TEKS	—(2014)	
	(2) Developing and sustaining foundational	(49) The Latin word expedire, meaning "to be useful," helps the	
8.2C	language skills: listening, speaking, reading,	reader understand that the word <u>expediency</u> in paragraph 5 means —	
	writing, and thinkingvocabulary. The student	(2015)	
	uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively.	(50) Originating from the word exponere, meaning "to explain the	
	The student is expected to: (C) determine the	word <u>expound</u> in paragraph 44 means to – (2016)	
	meaning and usage of grade-level academic	(16) Read the origin of the word <u>superficial</u> . Based on this	
	English words derived from Greek and Latin roots such as ast, qui, path, and/mend, and	information, what is the meaning of the word <u>superficial</u> in paragraph	
	duc.	8? (2017)	
		(21) Read this information about the origin of the word perennial.	
		This information helps the reader determine that the word perennial	
8.2 B	Use sentent (within a centence and in larger	in line 9 means—(2018)	
0.2 D	Use context (within a sentence and in larger sections of text) to determine or clarify the	(19) In paragraph 11, the word <u>logistics</u> means the -(2013) (44) Which words from paragraph 2, help the reader understand what	
	meaning of unfamiliar or ambiguous words or	opted means? (2013)	
	words with novel meanings	(49) In paragraph 5, the word <u>sophisticated</u> means(2013)	
	g.	(3) In paragraph 41, the reader can tell that something that takes	
		precedence is —(2014)	
	New TEKS	(12) What do the words came to fruition mean in paragraph 2? (2014)	
	(2) Developing and sustaining foundational	(18) In paragraph 16, the word <u>nonchalantly</u> means —(2014)	
8.2B	language skills: listening, speaking, reading,	(34) What does the word <u>constructive</u> mean in paragraph 7? (2014)	
	writing, and thinkingvocabulary. The student	(26) Which words from paragraph 6 help the reader understand the	
	uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to: (B) use context	meaning of <u>prescribed</u> ? (2015)	
	within or beyond a paragraph to clarify the	(32) The word <u>misgivings</u> in paragraph 3 means —(2015)	
	meaning of unfamiliar or ambiguous words;	(41) In paragraph 10, the word ominously means —(2015)	
		(27) The word <u>justify</u> in paragraph 2 means to –	
		(39) What does the word <u>erroneous</u> mean in paragraph 4? (2016)	
		(1) Which words from paragraph 9 help the reader understand the meaning of instinctive? (2017)	
		(24) Which words from paragraph 2 help the reader understand what scant means? (2017)	
		(39) In paragraph 5, the phrase privy to means – (2017)	
		(16) Which phrase from paragraph 1 best serves as an antonym	
		context clue for the word <u>refined</u> ? (2018)	
		(2) In paragraph 4, what does the word notoriously mean? (2019)	
		(30) In paragraph 6, the word prevalent means —(2019)	
		(40) In paragraph 15, the word donned means —(2019)	
		(2) In paragraph 20, what does the word potential mean? (2021)	
8.2 E	use a dictionary a glossary or a thosaurus	(38) What does the word ultimately mean in line 17? (2021)	
0.Z E	use a dictionary, a glossary, or a thesaurus (printed or electronic) to determine the	(2) Read the following dictionary entry.  Which definition most closely matches the meaning of surveyed as it	
	meanings, syllabication, pronunciations,	is used in paragraph 2? (2015)	
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(9) The historical context of this excerpt emphasizes the idea that

people in the early 1900s often relied on – (2017)

	8th Grade STAA	R Reading	2013 -2021
8.2A	alternate word choices, and parts of speech of words  New TEKS  (2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinkingvocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to: (A) use print or digital resources to determine the meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech;	the way the word ni  (20) Read this dictio way the word due is Read the following of the way the word st  (24) Read the diction the word afford is us  (14) Read the diction 1. to give shelter to particular purpose 4	nary entry for the word <i>screen</i> . [screen \'skrēn\ v 2. to guard from injury 3. to examine for a l. to shield from view] Which definition best e word <i>screening</i> is used in paragraph 1 of the
Students	Comprehension of Literary Text/Theme and Genre analyze, make inferences and draw conclusions about and provide evidence from the text to support their	out theme and genre i	n different cultural, historical, and contemporary
SE	TEKS		Question Stems
8.3 Fig 19 D	Students analyze, make inferences and draw conclusions about theme and genre in different cultural, historical, and contemporary contexts and provide	(2013)	t best expresses the main theme of the excerpt?  m the poem reflect a lesson that the speaker
	evidence from the text to support their understanding.  (5) Comprehension skills: listening,	(5) Based on the sto homestead laws in t	ry, what can the reader conclude about the early 1900s? (2014) best identify this selection as a memoir because it
8.5F	speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. The student is expected to: (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding; (6) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an	(48) What is the cen (4) Through the narr – (2017) (6) What is the main (3) Which sentence message? (2019) (41) What lesson is r	rator's experience, the author explores the idea of theme of the selection? (2018) from the selection best conveys the author's main referred to in the title of the story? (2019) e best expresses a theme in the story? (2019)
8.6C & G	increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The		

student is expected to: (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response; (G) discuss and write about the explicit or implicit meanings of text;

Explain how the values and beliefs of particular characters are affected by the

historical and cultural setting of the literary

(7) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary

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	elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to: (D) explain how the setting influences the values and beliefs of characters.	
Reading/Co	omprehension of Literary Text/Poetry.	
Students u	nderstand, make inferences and draw conclusions	s about the structure and elements of poetry and provide evidence from
	port their understanding. Students are expected t	
SE	TEKS	Question Stems
8.4	Students understand, make inferences and	(11) How are the train and the speaker similar? (2013)
Fig 19 D	draw conclusions about the structure and	(12) Which line from the poem best expresses the speaker's sense of
	elements of poetry and provide evidence	dread? (2013)
	from text to support their understanding.	(15) Dividing the poem into two stanzas allows the poet to (2013)
	N. 751/6	(16) The train is important to the poem because it represents(2013)
	New TEKS	(17) The poet likely intends for the last two lines to express the
8.5F	(5) Comprehension skills: listening,	speaker's(2013)
8.3F	speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses	(34) In the poem, the speaker's mood changes from(2013)
	metacognitive skills to both develop and	(37) Based on the last stanza, the reader can conclude that the
	deepen comprehension of increasingly	speaker(2013)
	complex texts. The student is expected to:	(24) What does line 6 suggest about the "whorls," "whirls," and
	(F) make inferences and use evidence to	"wheels" on the pad of the speaker's thumb? (2014)
	support understanding;	(15) Read lines 11 and 12 from the poem.
	(6) Response skills: listening, speaking,	Why does the poet compare space travelers to the early settlers of
	reading, writing, and thinking using	America? (2015)
	multiple texts. The student responds to an	(16) What does the final stanza of the poem suggest about the future
	increasingly challenging variety of sources	(2015)
8.6C & G	that are read, heard, or viewed. The	(17) Read these lines from the poem.
	student is expected to: (C) use text	The progression from "wayfarers" to "spacefarers" demonstrates that people —(2015)
	evidence to support an appropriate	(18) What do the descriptions of the future throughout the poem
	response; (G) discuss and write about the	suggest about the speaker? (2015)
	explicit or implicit meanings of text;	(10) Which words from the poem show that the speaker is
		unsympathetic to the dog's wish? (2017)
		(11) In the first stanza, the poet uses the words "Over the years" and "From thousands of walks" to – (2017)
		(13) In contrast to line 10, the last line of the poem show that the dog
		now feels – (2017)
		(14) In lines 20 through 22, the speaker observes that the dog wants
		to –(2017)
		(24) The poet uses present tense throughout the poem to convey that—(2018)
		(25) Based on the details in the poem, the reader can conclude that Mother—(2018)
		(25) What process is the poet describing when she uses the words "i
		remove its muddy shoes and rearrange the pillows" in lines 21 and
		22? (2019)
		(26) The title of the poem is effective because it suggests that the
	İ	speaker (2010)

speaker —(2019)

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		(28) The poet uses lines 1 through 6 to establish that —
		(2019)
		(23) In stanza 2 (lines 7–12), the reader can tell that the speaker feels –(2021)
		(25) What message does the poet hope to convey in the poem?
		(2021)
		(26) Which lines from the poem best identify the source of the
		speaker's conflict? (2021)
		(27) What is the effect of the two-word sentences in lines 19 through 21? (2021)
		(28) Read stanza 6 (lines 28–33). [It's as if my other self has been here
		all along— the invisible twin who never left this island and never will.] What is the poet suggesting by referring to the speaker's "invisible
		twin"? (2021)
8.4 A	Compare and contrast the relationship	(22) The repetition of the words "my" and "my own" emphasizes the
	between the purpose and characteristics of	speaker's desire to —(2014)
	different poetic forms (e.g., epic poetry, lyric	(23) The poet chose an irregular and unpredictable rhyme scheme
	poetry).	most likely to —(2014)
8.8B	New TEKS	
	(8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking,	
	reading, writing, and thinking using	
	multiple textsgenres. The student	
	recognizes and analyzes genre-specific	
	characteristics, structures, and purposes	
	within and across increasingly complex traditional,	
	contemporary, classical, and diverse texts.	
	The student is expected to: (B) analyze the	
	effect of graphical elements such as	
	punctuation and line length in poems	
	across a variety of poetic forms such as	
	epic, lyric, and humorous poetry;	
	mprehension of Literary Text/Drama.	
		about the structure and elements of drama and provide evidence from
	ort their understanding. Students are expected t	
<b>SE</b> 8.5	TEKS Students understand, make inferences and	Question Stems  (44) Which event during the debate does the playwright include to
Fig 19 D	draw conclusions about the structure and	create humor? (2016)
0 20 0	elements of drama and provide evidence	(51) Which line from paragraph 27 helps portray Kyli as dramatic?
	from text to support their understanding.	(2016)
		(42) The playwright shows that Alyssa has matured by revealing
	New TEKS	Alyssa's — (2021)
	(5) Comprehension skills: listening,	(43) What inference can the reader make based on the events
		L 1451 What illierence can the reader make dased on the events
8.5F	speaking, reading, writing, and thinking	
8.5F	using multiple texts. The student uses	that take place in scene 4? (2021)
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complex texts. The student is expected to: (F) make inferences and use evidence to

support understanding;

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	(6) Response skills: listening, speaking,	
	reading, writing, and thinking using	
0.600.0	multiple texts. The student responds to an	
8.6C & G	increasingly challenging variety of sources	
	that are read, heard, or viewed. The	
	student is expected to: (C) use text	
	evidence to support an appropriate	
	response; (G) discuss and write about the	
	explicit or implicit meanings of text;	
8.5A	Analyze how different playwrights	(46) What do paragraphs 27 and 46 suggest about Kyli? (2016)
	characterize their protagonists and	(47) The stage directions in paragraph 30 indicate that Mark is –
	antagonists through the dialogue and	(2016)
	staging of their plays.	(49) Read paragraph 51. What does the dialogue convey about
		Mark's attitude toward Christy? (2016)
	New TEKS	(52) Karl's dialogue in the play show that his feelings about the
	(8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking,	election change from – (2016)
	reading, writing, and thinking using	election change from – (2010)
	multiple textsgenres. The student	
	recognizes and analyzes genre-specific	
	characteristics, structures, and purposes	
8.8C	within and across increasingly complex	
	traditional, contemporary, classical, and	
	diverse texts. The student is expected to:	
	(C) analyze how playwrights develop	
	dramatic action through the use of acts and	
	scenes;	
_	omprehension of Literary Text/Fiction.	
		s about the structure and elements of fiction and provide evidence from
text to supp	port their understanding. Students are expected to TEKS	Question Stems
8.6	Students understand, make inferences and	(6) Which sentence best explains why Lola is surprised by Ella's
Fig 19 D	draw conclusions about the structure and	actions? (2013)
0 -0 5	elements of fiction and provide evidence	(9) Which statement best expresses the main conflict in the excerpt?
	from text to support their understanding.	(2013)
		(6) The narrator describes his mule ride to school in a way that shows
	New TEKS	his —(2015)
	(5) Comprehension skills: listening,	(7) Which sentence best illustrates the narrator's commitment to his
8.5F	speaking, reading, writing, and thinking	project? (2015)
	using multiple texts. The student uses	(9) When the narrator explains how he completed his project, his
	metacognitive skills to both develop and	classmates' response shows that they —(2015)
	deepen comprehension of increasingly	(8) For Byrd, going to Sweetwater most likely represents –(2016)
	complex texts. The student is expected to:	
	(F) make inferences and use evidence to	(10) The final sentence of the excerpt suggests that Byrd most likely
	support understanding;	feels – (2016)
	(6) Response skills: listening, speaking,	(19) Based on Noah's conversation with his mother in paragraphs 3
	reading, writing, and thinking using	through 7, the reader can conclude that – (2016)
	multiple texts. The student responds to an	(18) In paragraph 5, Anthony chooses not to mention the read-made
		pesto most likely because he—(2018)

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the story? (2018)

(20) What can the reader conclude about Grandpa from his actions in

increasingly challenging variety of sources

that are read, heard, or viewed. The

student is expected to: (C) use text

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	evidence to support an appropriate response; (G) discuss and write about the explicit or implicit meanings of text;	<ul> <li>(40) Coach Wilson calls Teresa's mother before the tryout most likely to (2018)</li> <li>(42) Read this sentence from paragraph 9.</li> <li>Mostly he drew during the free minutes of his day, when he could empty his mind and just trust his charcoal pencil.</li> <li>Based on this sentence, the reader can conclude that Andy — (2019)</li> <li>(8) Based on Lucy's interactions with her classmates, which statement best expresses the major theme explored in this selection? (2021)</li> </ul>
8.6 Fig 19 E	Summarize, paraphrase, and synthesize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order within a text and across texts  New TEKS  (6) Possense skills: listening, speaking	(7) Which of these is the best summary of the excerpt? (2014) (9) What is the best summary of the excerpt? (2016) (7) What is the best summary of paragraphs 5 through 9? (2017) (38) What is the best summary of the story? (2019) (6) What is the best summary of this selection? (2021)
8.6D	(6) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to: (D) paraphrase and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;	
8.6 A	Analyze linear plot developments (e.g., conflict, rising action, falling action, resolution, subplots) to determine whether and how conflicts are resolved  New TEKS	(4) The author included paragraph 15 in order to(2013) (8) Which event triggers the main problem in the excerpt? (2013) (4) Paragraphs 8 through 10 help build tension in the story by — (2014) (6) Paragraph 32 is important to the story because it —(2014) (8) Which of these best demonstrates the moment when Traft Martin
8.7C	(7) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple textsliterary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to: (C) analyze non-linear plot development such as flashbacks, foreshadowing, subplots, and parallel plot structures and compare it to linear plot	realizes he will lose the hearing? (2014)  (20) The story reaches its climax when —(2014)  (3) In paragraphs 7 through 10, why is the father's response to the narrator's plan important to the excerpt? (2015)  (10) The father's work schedule contributes to the development of the plot because it —(2015)  (1) Which event from the excerpt suggests that Byrd will resolve her conflict? (2016)  (3) The author builds tension at the beginning of the excerpt by — (2016)  (4) Which event initiates the rising action of the excerpt? (2016)
	development;	(23) Which sentence from the excerpt best illustrates Noah's conflict? (2016)  (2) The description of the father's return in paragraphs 1 through 4 is important to the excerpt because it – (2017)  (3) Which sentence best illustrates the narrator's conflict? (2017)  (6) The last two paragraphs of the excerpt convey that the narrator is – (2017)  (17) Paragraphs 1 through 3 are important to the story because they establish that Anthony—(2018)  (42) Which event in the story causes Teresa to reevaluate her talent as a long jumper? (2018)

0.65		(37) The main role of Andy's art teacher in this story is to help— (2019) (4) Why are the events in paragraphs 1 and 2 important to the plot? (2021) (7) A major turning point occurs in the selection when Lucy—(2021) (40) Scene 2 is important to the play because it foreshadows that Samantha—(2021)
8.6 B	Analyze how the central characters' qualities	(1) The reader can conclude that when Ella arrives at Lola's house, Ella
	influence the theme of a fictional work and	is(2013)
	resolution of the central conflict	(3) Read these sentences from paragraph 34. These sentences show
	New TEKS	that Lola (2013) (5) What effect does Ella's uncharacteristic behavior have on the
	(7) Multiple genres: listening, speaking,	resolution of the excerpt? (2013)
8.7A-B	reading, writing, and thinking using	resolution of the excerpt: (2013)
2	multiple textsliterary elements. The	(19) Cassie's thoughts in paragraph 14 show that she —(2014)
	student recognizes and analyzes literary	(2017)
	elements within and across increasingly	
	complex traditional, contemporary,	(21) Which sentence from the story provides the best evidence that
	classical, and diverse literary texts. The	Cassie feels insecure? (2014)
	student is expected to: (A) analyze how	
	themes are developed through the	(5) Paragraphs 11 through 15 support the primary theme of the
	interaction of characters and events; (B)	excerpt by emphasizing the narrator's —(2015)
	analyze how characters' motivations and	(2) What does Byrd's explanation in paragraph 13 reveal to the
	behaviors influence events and resolution of the conflict;	reader? (2016)
	of the connict;	(5) Read this sentence from paragraph 10. Byrd's actions in this sentence best demonstrates her—(2016)
		(21)Noah's response his mother's demand adds to the conflict by— (2016)
		(5) The narrator's keen awareness of his father's behavior leads him to – (2017)
		(41) Read paragraph 3. Teresa's comments influence the theme of
		the story because they show that she—(2018)
		(43) The dialogue between Teresa and her mother after the tryout indicates that her mother—(2018)
		(1) How is Lucy's behavior in paragraph 23 important to the resolution of her conflict? (2021)
		(3) Read paragraph 21. [Lucy allowed herself a small smile. It hadn't been a good start, but Rodney was definitely making her first day less terrible.] What does this paragraph reveal about Lucy at this point in the selection? (2021)
8.6 C	Analyze different forms of point of view,	the selection? (2021) (2) Because the story is written from a first-person point of view, the
8.0 C	including limited versus omniscient,	reader is better able to understand —(2014)
	subjective versus objective.	(1) By using the first-person point of view, the author is able to show
	Sasjective versus objective.	—(2015)
	New TEKS	(22) The first-person point of view allows the author to – (2016)
8.9E	(9) Author's purpose and craft: listening,	(19) By telling the story from the first-person point of view, the author
	speaking, reading, writing, and thinking	helps the reader understand—(2018)
	using multiple texts. The student uses	(44) The story's third-person limited point of view gives the reader
	critical inquiry to analyze the authors'	insight into – (2018)
	choices and how they influence and	
	communicate meaning within a variety of	

	texts. The student analyzes and applies	(5) What does the use of the third-person limited point of view allow
	author's craft purposefully in order to	the author to emphasize? (2021)
	develop his or her own products and	
	performances. The student is expected to:	
	(E) identify and analyze the use of literary	
	devices, including multiple points of view	
	and irony;	
Reading/Con	nprehension of Literary Text/Literary Nonfictio	n.
Students und	lerstand, make inferences and draw conclusions	about the varied structural patterns and features of literary nonfiction
and respond	by providing evidence from text to support thei	r understanding. Students are expected to:
SE	TEKS	Question Stems
8.7	Students understand, make inferences and	(46) What can the reader conclude about Bird's relationship with
Fig 19 D	draw conclusions about the varied structural	Wrangler? (2014)
	patterns and features of literary nonfiction	(47) Bird uses paragraph 10 to convey to the reader —(2014)
	and respond by providing evidence from text	(49) Bird was fortunate that the district attorney had horses of his
	to support their understanding	own because the district attorney —(2014)
		(50) Bird includes paragraphs 11 and 12 in the selection most likely to
	New TEKS	illustrate that —(2014)
	(5) Comprehension skills: listening,	(51) Bird wrote this selection most likely to —(2014)
	speaking, reading, writing, and thinking	(52) The author organizes this selection by —(2014)
8.5F	using multiple texts. The student uses	(34) The author uses a bulleted list in order to highlight —(2015)
	metacognitive skills to both develop and	(36) Which sentence suggests that catching crabs is a popular activity
	deepen comprehension of increasingly	on the beach? (2015)
	complex texts. The student is expected to:	(37) The author includes the detailed description of ghost crabs most
	(F) make inferences and use evidence to	likely to —(2015)
	support understanding;	(39) What is the most likely reason why the author is glad that he
	(6) Response skills: listening, speaking,	agreed to Hallie's request? (2015)
	reading, writing, and thinking using	(40) What can readers conclude about Hallie based on her father's
	multiple texts. The student responds to an	description of their experience with the crab on the beach? (2015)
0.66.0.6	increasingly challenging variety of sources	(42) In which sentence does the author use an analogy to express the
8.6C & G	that are read, heard, or viewed. The	significance of the night on the beach with Hallie? (2015)
	student is expected to: (C) use text	(11) Read this sentence from paragraph 18. What does the figurative
	evidence to support an appropriate response; (G) discuss and write about the	language in this sentence convey about Byrd? (2016)
	explicit or implicit meanings of text;	(32) Through his experiences at the Navajo reservation, the author
	explicit of implicit meanings of text,	gained (2017)
		(35) Which sentence best demonstrates that the author and his father
		depended on the people of the reservation? (2017)
		(36) The organization of the selection allows the author to- (2017)
		(3) Paragraphs 8 and 9 are mainly a description of—(2018)
		(4) Why did the author tell Kenny to turn the wagon around in
		paragraph 12? (2018)
		(5) The author describes his experience in a way that highlights—
		(2018)
		(1) When describing the penguins, the author mostly focuses on their
		—(2019)
		(4) The organizers of the expedition created "penguin etiquette" most
		likely to —(2019)
		(5) Based on the selection, what did the author most likely gain from
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		(7) Which sentence from the selection best expresses the author's
		enthusiasm during his observation of the penguins? (2019)
8.7	Summarize, paraphrase, and synthesize	(38) What is the best summary of the events leading up to the author
Fig 19 E	texts in ways that maintain meaning and	and his daughter chasing crabs? (2015)
	logical order within a text and across texts	(7) What is the best summary of this selection? (2018)
		(6) What is the best summary of this selection? (2019)
	New TEKS	(41) What is the best summary of scene 2? (2021)
8.6D	(6) Response skills: listening, speaking,	
	reading, writing, and thinking using	
	multiple texts. The student responds to an	
	increasingly challenging variety of sources	
	that are read, heard, or viewed. The	
	student is expected to: (D) paraphrase and	
	summarize texts in ways that maintain	
	meaning and logical order;	
Reading/Co	omprehension of Literary Text/Sensory Language	
_		s about how an author's sensory language creates imagery in literary
	ovide evidence from text to support their underst	
SE	TEKS	Question Stems
8.8	Students understand, make inferences and	(7) The author included paragraph 23 to(2013)
Fig 19 D	draw conclusions about how an author's	(1) The language in paragraph 42 is used to emphasize —(2014)
8 _5 _	sensory language creates imagery in literary	(9) In paragraph 10, which words does the author use to create a
	text and provide evidence from text to	tense mood? (2014)
	support their understanding	(25) The last two lines of the poem suggest that the thumbprint
	Support them amazistaniaming	referred to in the title is a symbol for —(2014)
	New TEKS	(4) Read this sentence from paragraph 2.
	(5) Comprehension skills: listening,	The author uses imagery in this sentence most likely to show how —
8.5F	speaking, reading, writing, and thinking	(2015)
0.0.	using multiple texts. The student uses	
	metacognitive skills to both develop and	(43) The imagery in paragraph 9 shows that the crab chase is —(2015)
	deepen comprehension of increasingly	(7) The sensory language in paragraph 1 helps the reader understand
	complex texts. The student is expected to:	<u>that Byrd – (2016)</u>
	(F) make inferences and use evidence to	(8) Read this sentence from paragraph 16. What does the imagery in
	support understanding;	this sentence suggest about the narrator? (2017)
	(6) Response skills: listening, speaking,	(12) The imagery in line 11 helps the reader – (2017)
	reading, writing, and thinking using	(33) Read this sentence from the selection. This comparison helps the
	multiple texts. The student responds to an	reader understand that the author thinks the location – (2017)
8.6C & G	increasingly challenging variety of sources	(34) Read this sentence from the selection. Which of these is the
	that are read, heard, or viewed. The	author suggesting in this sentence? (2017)
	student is expected to: (C) use text	(2) What does the sensory language in paragraph 7 help the reader
	evidence to support an appropriate	understand? (2018)
	response; (G) discuss and write about the	(23) The words "patiently," "pounds," and "promptly" in the second
	explicit or implicit meanings of text;	stanza highlight Mother's—(2018)
	Emphasis of the meanings of texts	(8) Read this sentence from paragraph 8.
		For the first time on our journey, we walked
		out on deck and felt the sweet bite of the cold,
		clean air on our faces.
		The sensory language in this sentence best reveals the author's —
		(2019)
		(27) What do the contrasting images in lines 17 through 22 suggest?
		(2019)

## 8th Grade STAAR Reading 2013 -2021

New TEKS (9) Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking	<ul> <li>(43) The author wrote this article most likely to(2013)</li> <li>(13) What is the most likely reason the author wrote this selection?</li> <li>(2014)</li> <li>(37) What is the most likely reason the author wrote this selection?</li> </ul>
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New TEKS	
to support their understanding	influenced her message? (2013)
contexts and provide evidence from the text	(28) Based on her letter, how has the author's Hispanic heritage
cultural, historical, and contemporary	that(2013)
conclusions about the author's purpose in	(21) The author chose the title of this selection to highlight the idea
Students analyze, make inferences and draw	(18) The author included paragraph 4 most likely to(2013)
TEKS	Question Stems
-	out the author's purpose in cultural, historical, and contemporary
	through the metaphor in this dialogue? (2021)
	king of the hill!] What does the playwright suggest about Samantha
	(44) Read Alyssa's dialogue from line 4. [You're first violin—you're the
	figurative language in these sentences to show that Alyssa — (2021)
	you're busy working on the newspaper.] The playwright uses
	but I'm not first violin to you. I'm still playing second fiddle, while
	(39) Read line 26. ALYSSA: [Sighing.] Yes, I'm first violin in orchestra,
	(2021)
	(24) The simile in stanza 1 (lines 1–6) helps show that the speaker —
	The author uses a simile in this sentence to illustrate —(2019)
	slumped in his seat in art class like a spent parachute.
	A morning full of whispers, jeers, and awkward questions left Andy
	(44) Read this sentence from paragraph 15.
	(23) Which of these ideas is emphasized by the simile in lines 7 and 8 (2019)
	emphasize that Mother is—(2018)
	(22) In the first stanza, the poet uses the metaphor of a hunt to
	or an eagle" in paragraph 7? (2017)
metapnor achieves specific purposes;	(37) Why does the author compare his experience to that of "a hawk
	because she – (2016)
• •	(45) Read this line of dialogue from the play. Christy says this to Marl
	beach and to —(2015)
develop his or her own products and	(35) The title of this selection refers both to the money found on the
author's craft purposefully in order to	· · ·
texts. The student analyzes and applies	narrator —(2015)
communicate meaning within a variety of	(8) The simile in paragraph 1 helps the reader understand why the
	speaker 3 disconniont because they show that(2013)
	speaker's discomfort because they show that(2013)
	(35) In stanza 2, the poet's use of a metaphor suggests that(2013) (36) Read these lines from the poem. These lines highlight the
	speaker (2013)  (25) In stance 3, the poet's use of a metapher suggests that (2013)
(0) Author's numbers and scaff, listonias	(14) The poet uses a simile in lines 23 and 24 to reveal that the
metaphors in literary text	(2013)
Explain the effect of similes and extended	(13) The metaphor in the first stanza is used to emphasize that the
	can help people? (2019)
I	(9) Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:  (D) describe how the author's use of figurative language such as extended metaphor achieves specific purposes;  **Text**  Students analyze, make inferences and draw conclusions about the author's purpose in cultural, historical, and contemporary contexts and provide evidence from the text.

critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:

(A) explain the author's purpose and message within a text;

- (41) The author of the selection includes paragraphs 8 and 9 most likely to -(2014)
- (11) The author includes the information about President Kennedy's idea and NASA to show that -(2015)
- (24) What is the author's primary purpose for writing this selection? (2015)
- (37) The author's primary purpose for writing this selection is to (2016)
- (43) Why does the author include the quotation in paragraph 2? (2016)
- (15) The author wrote this selection most likely to (2017)
- (20) The author included the information in paragraphs 8 through 11 probably to (2017)
- (27) The author wrote this selection most likely to (2017)
- (12) The author's main purpose in writing this selection is to -- (2018)
- (38) The author's main purpose for writing this selection is to -- (2018)
- (18) Read this sentence from paragraph 2.

When a bone breaks in the human body, it is able to repair itself. What is the most likely reason the author includes this information?(2019)

- (33) The author mentions common name brands in the first paragraph most likely to -(2019)
- (29) What is the most likely reason the author includes the information in paragraphs 16 through 19? (2021)
- (30) What is the most likely reason the author includes paragraphs 12 through 14? (2021)
- (34) What is the most likely reason the author wrote this selection? (2021)

## Reading/Comprehension of Informational Text/Expository Text.

Students analyze, make inferences and draw conclusions about expository text and provide evidence from text to support their understanding. Students are expected to:

SE	TEKS	Question Stems
8.10	Students analyze, make inferences and draw	(16) The author emphasizes the idea that wetlands —(2014)
Fig 19 D	conclusions about expository text and	(14) Based on the information the author includes about the three
	provide evidence from text to support their	science fiction writers, the reader can conclude that the author
	understanding.	believes that the writers were —(2015)
		(25) Based on her yearlong observations of the crew, Zeig most likely
	New TEKS	believes that the women of Apache 8 have —(2015)
	(5) Comprehension skills: listening,	(33) Which sentence from the selection best shows that the author
8.5F	speaking, reading, writing, and thinking	admires the bravery of the members of Apache 8? (2015)
	using multiple texts. The student uses	(45) The information in the text box suggests that tracking
	metacognitive skills to both develop and	technologies can —(2015)
	deepen comprehension of increasingly	(50) Based on the information in the selection, how can customers
	complex texts. The student is expected to:	benefit from being tracked by technology? (2015)
	(F) make inferences and use evidence to	(52) Based on information in the selection, the reader can infer that
	support understanding;	an "informed customer" will most likely —(2015)
	(6) Response skills: listening, speaking,	(12) Which sentence supports the idea that the instruments are part
	reading, writing, and thinking using	of what makes the Recycled Orchestra special? (2016)
	multiple texts. The student responds to an	
8.6C & G	increasingly challenging variety of sources	

	that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to: (C) use text	(14) In order to be successful in the orchestra, members most likely had to – (2016)
	evidence to support an appropriate response; (G) discuss and write about the	(15) Gomez travels to the landfill several times a week to search for materials most likely because he – (2016)
	explicit or implicit meanings of text;	(16) The initial success of Chavez's project depended primarily on – (2016)
		(38) The result of Cleary's experiment supports which idea about déjà vu? (2016)
		(40) Based on the information in the selection, the reader can conclude that a main problem researchers studying déjà vu encounter is that – (2016)
		(21) The title of the selection highlights the idea that shipping containers – (2017)
		(25) Which sentence from the selection explains why the water produced by the bill board is significant? (2017)
		(42) The title of the selection emphasizes the idea that Cook—(2017) (15) The information in paragraph 6 helps the reader understand that bioconcrete—(2019)
		(32) Which sentence from the selection suggests that companies may want to reconsider their approach to branding their products?(2019) (9) Based on paragraphs 4 and 5 of the selection "A Ghostly New Creature," what can be concluded about the study of newly discovered animals? (2021)
		(32) Based on paragraphs 7 through 9, why might people assume that food forests are a "spin-off" of community gardens? (2021) (35) Read this sentence from paragraph 6. "We think it's important to put public food in public spaces," she said. What does this sentence help the reader to understand? (2021)
8.10	Summarize, paraphrase, and synthesize	(50) What is the best summary of this article? (2013)
Fig 19 E	texts in ways that maintain meaning and	(15) Which of these is the best summary of the selection? (2014)
	logical order within a text and across texts	(12) What is the best summary of the selection? (2015)
	New TEKS	(17) What is the best summary of the selection? (2016) (39) What is the best summary of the selection? (2018)
8.6D	(6) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using	(17) What is the best summary of the article? (2019)
8.00	multiple texts. The student responds to an	(31) What is the best summary of the selection? (2021)
	increasingly challenging variety of sources	
	that are read, heard, or viewed. The	
	student is expected to: (D) paraphrase and	
	summarize texts in ways that maintain	
	meaning and logical order;	
8.10 A	Summarize the main ideas, supporting	(24) What are paragraphs 6 and 7 mainly about? (2013)
	details, and relationships among ideas in text succinctly in ways that maintain	(26) What is the best summary of the section titled "Bands in All Sizes"? (2013)
	meaning and logical order	(45) The Culper Ring used Dr. jay's invisible ink rather than lemon
		juice because Dr. Jay's ink was(2013)
	New TEKS	(52) According to the article, why did Washington want his own
	(6) Response skills: listening, speaking,	information-gathering agency? (2013)
8.6D	reading, writing, and thinking using	(11) What is paragraph 2 mostly about? (2014)

	multiple texts. The student responds to an	(39) A recent change in the kind of work done by Peace Corps
	increasingly challenging variety of sources	volunteers is the result of —(2014)
	that are read, heard, or viewed. The	(40) In paragraphs 1 and 2, the author presents the idea that —(2014)
	student is expected to: (D) paraphrase and	(44) Paragraphs 3 and 4 are mainly about —(2014)
	summarize texts in ways that maintain	(13) According to the selection, one reason that humans develop new
	meaning and logical order;	types of technology is that they want to —(2015)
		(27) Which information from the selection supports the idea that the
		women of Apache 8 have encountered obstacles? (2015)
		(29) Some of the women of Apache 8 joined the crew because —
		(2015)
		(31) Paragraphs 1 and 2 are mainly about the reasons —(2015)
		(44) Which sentence indicates that strategies used by supermarkets
		are effective? (2015)
		(47) Which idea is supported by the information in paragraph 3?
		(2015)
		(48) What are paragraphs 4 and 5 mainly about? (2015)
		(35) Which idea about déjà vu does the title of the selection support?
		(2016)
		(41) What is paragraph 3 mainly about? (2016)
		(22) What is the main idea of paragraph 5? (2017)
		(23) Which sentence from the selection supports the idea that
		creating structures from shipping containers is cost-efficient? (2017)
		(40) Which of these best describes why some of the Gallaudet players
		lacked confidence in Cook when he first became coach of the team?
		(2017)
		(40) The details in paragraph 5 support the idea that – (2018)
		(9) What is the main idea of paragraphs 7 and 8? (2018)
		(10) According to selection, speech-software developers are still
		striving to develop speech-recognition technology that – (2018)
		(32) Which detail from paragraph 2 supports the idea that the Nile
		River spans diverse areas? (2018)
		(35) The details in paragraph 6 support the idea that (2018)
		(9) Which characteristic of the geothermal vents made the survival of nearby plants so surprising? (2019)
		(12) What is paragraph 1 mostly about? (2019)
		(14) Which statement best expresses the main idea of paragraph 3?
		(2019)
		(29) "Gist memory" occurs when the brain —(2019)
		(34) What is paragraph 2 mainly about? (2019)
		(36) According to paragraph 6, people are more likely to buy a
		product when they — (2019)
		(11) What is the best summary of the selection "A Ghostly New
		Creature"? (2021)
8.10 B	Distinguish factual claims from	(22) Which sentence from the selection is a commonplace assertion?
	commonplace assertions and opinions and	(2013)
	evaluate inference from their logic in text	(17) Which sentence shows that the author believes that the
		Wetheads are doing exceptional work at the Tantramar Wetlands
		Centre?(2014)
		(45) Which statement best expresses an opinion found in the section "Service to Others"? (2014)
	<u> </u>	Service to Others: (2014)

		(46) Which of these is an assertion rather than a fact? (2015)
		(18) Which sentence from the selection expresses an opinion? (2016) (15) Which sentence from the selection reflects the author's opinion? (2018)
8.10 C	Make subtle inferences and draw complex conclusions about the ideas in text and their	(20) By presenting the ideas included in paragraphs 1 through 3, the author is able to(2013)
	organizational patterns	(23) Which of these supports the idea that band members form strong bonds with one another? (2013)
		(48) The reader can conclude that the spies who made up the Culper Ring(2013)
	New TEKS	(10) Why does the author begin this selection by explaining what
8.5F	(5) Comprehension skills: listening,	wetlands are? (2014)
	speaking, reading, writing, and thinking	(30) The author organizes the selection by —(2015)
	using multiple texts. The student uses	(36) The organization of the information in paragraphs 3 through 5
	metacognitive skills to both develop and	allows the author to – (2016)
	deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. The student is expected to:	(26) The organizational pattern of the selection allows the author to – (2017)
	(F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;	(41) The author presents the events that led to the team's winning record in chronological order to emphasize that(2017)
	(8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using	(14) The author organizes the information in the selection mainly by-(2018)
	multiple textsgenres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific	(37) the author organizes the information in the selection mainly by— (2018)
	characteristics, structures, and purposes	(11) How are paragraphs 2 through 4 organized? (2019)
	within and across increasingly complex	(16) How does the author organize paragraph 1? (2019)
	traditional, contemporary, classical, and	(36) According to paragraph 6, people are more likely to buy a
	diverse texts. The student is expected to:	product when they —
	(D) analyze characteristics and structural	(2019) (13) What can the reader conclude from Michael Vecchione's
	elements of informational text, including: (iii) multiple organizational patterns within	comments throughout the selection "A Ghostly New Creature"? (2021)
	a text to develop the thesis;	(36) In paragraphs 7 and 8, what is the most likely reason the author contrasts food forests with community gardens? (2021)
		(37) The author develops the thesis of the selection mainly by — (2021)
8.10 D	Synthesize and make logical connections between ideas within a text and across two	(27) With which statement would the author most likely agree? (2013)
	or three texts representing similar or	(46) What can the reader conclude about the author's opinion of
	different genres, and support those finding	Washington's strategy for information-gathering? (2013)
	with textual evidence	(47) Which statement from the article describes a positive result of
	N 7516	Washington's military strategy? (2013)
	New TEKS	(14) How does the author support the idea that Wetheads enjoy
0 55 0 11	(5) Comprehension skills: listening,	volunteering at the Tantramar Wetlands Centre? (2014)
8.5E & H	speaking, reading, writing, and thinking	(42) The author begins and ends the selection by bringing together
	using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and	the idea that —(2014)
	deepen comprehension of increasingly	(28) Which idea does the author emphasize throughout the selection?
	complex texts. The student is expected to:	(2015)
	(E) make connections to personal	(51) Which sentence relates to the information in the text box
	experiences, ideas in other texts, and	following paragraph 2? (2015)
	experiences, ideas in other texts, and	

	society; (H) synthesize information to create new understanding; and	(13) Which idea about the Recycled Orchestra does the author		
	create new understanding, and	highlight throughout the selection? (2016)		
		(38) The author suggests that Cook had frustrating moments while		
		coaching at Gallaudet largely because he—(2017)		
		(11) Which idea does the author emphasize throughout the selection?		
		(2018)		
		(13) Which sentence from the selection best explains why some		
		people may prefer human-to-human communications? (2018)		
		(31) Scaturro and Brown filmed their adventure most likely because they (2018)		
		(33) Based on paragraphs 3 and 4, what can the reader infer about navigating the Nile River? (2018)		
		(34) Based on paragraph 5, the reader can infer that for Scaturro and Brown (2018)		
		(13) An idea emphasized throughout the selection is that Rodriguez's		
		endophyte solution — (2019)		
		(31) What example of "attentional saturation" does the author		
		provide in the selection? (2019)		
		(15) Throughout the selection "Tiptoeing Scientists," which idea abou		
		tiny frogs does the author highlight? (2021)		
		(16) Based on information in the selection "Tiptoeing Scientists," wha		
		can the reader conclude about the Brazilian frogs? (2021)		
		(33) Which idea does the author highlight throughout the selection?		
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(17) The author organizes paragraph 8 by – (2017)

response; (G) discuss and write about the

explicit or implicit meanings of text;

diverse texts. The student is expected to: (D) analyze characteristics and structural elements of informational text, including: (i) the controlling idea or thesis with supporting evidence; (ii) features such as footnotes, endnotes, and citations; and (iii)
multiple organizational patterns within a text to develop the thesis;
8.11 B Analyze the use of such rhetorical and logical fallacies as loaded terms, caricatures, leading questions, false assumptions, and incorrect premises in persuasive texts (30) The author uses the questions in paragraph 4 to(2013) (25) In which sentence does the author attempt to stir emotions in the reader? (2016)
New TEKS (9) Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking
using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of
texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and
performances. The student is expected to:  (G) explain the purpose of rhetorical devices such as analogy and juxtaposition and of logical fallacies such as bandwagon appeals and circular reasoning.
(12) Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive
inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. The student is expected to: (H) examine sources for: (ii) faulty reasoning such as bandwagon appeals, repetition, and loaded language;
Reading/Comprehension of Informational Text/Procedural Text.  Students understand how to glean and use information in procedural texts and documents. Students are expected to:
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(41) Read these excerpts from the letter and the poem. Based on

Which sentence from the story relates a similar idea? (2014)

poet share a similar belief that -- (2013)

(26) Read these lines from the poem.

speaker in the poem? (2013)

these excerpts, the reader can conclude that **both** the author and the

(42) What is one difference between the author of the letter and the

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8.12 B 8.9C	Evaluate graphics for their clarity in communicating meaning or achieving a specific purpose  New TEKS  (9) Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:  (C) analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific	(51) In "Give It a Try!" how are Steps 3 and 6 similar? (2013) (36) The map of the Nile river is included in the selection to – (2018) (10) In the selection "A Ghostly New Creature," the author includes the photograph of the octopod most likely to help the reader better understand —(2021) (12) In the selection "A Ghostly New Creature," which idea about the octopod best explains why the author includes the map? (2021) (17) For what reason does the author include the photograph after paragraph 3 of the selection "Tiptoeing Scientists"? (2021)
Panding/Ma	purposes	
	•	nages, graphics, and sounds work together in various forms to impact
	·	vith greater depth in increasingly more complex texts. Students are
expected to:	:	
SE	TEKS	Question Stems
8.13 C	Evaluate various techniques used to create a	(43) Why does the advertisement begin with a question? (2014)
	point of view in media and the impact on audience;	(42) The scenes from "Deja ville" pictured after paragraph 5 are important because they – (2016)
8.13 Fig. 19D	Students analyze, make inferences and draw conclusions about persuasive text and provide evidence form text to support their analysis.	(10) How do the photograph and caption after paragraph 4 help the reader better understand the selection? (2019)
Reading/Co	mprehension Skills (Figure 19)	
Reading/Cor reading to u	mprehension Skills. Students use a flexible range	of metacognitive reading skills in both assigned and independent ontinue to apply earlier standards with greater depth in increasingly aders. The student is expected to:
SE	TEKS	Question Stems
Fig 19 F	Make intertextual links among and across	(38) <b>Both</b> the author of the letter and the speaker in the poem would
5	texts, including other media (e.g., film, play)	most likely consider a blank page to be a –(2013)
	and provide textual evidence	(39) Read lines 6 through 10 from the poem. Which sentences from
	and provide textual evidence	the letter <b>express the same ideas</b> as these lines from the poem? (2013)
	New TEKS	(40) How does the author's purpose for writing in "Dear Fellow
	(5) Comprehension skills: listening,	Writer" <b>differ</b> from the poet's purpose in "What the Page Says"?
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speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses

metacognitive skills to both develop and

complex texts. The student is expected to:

deepen comprehension of increasingly

experiences, ideas in other texts, and

(E) make connections to personal

society;

(30) Grandpa in the story and Mother in the poem would most likely

		(27) <b>Unlike</b> the speaker in "Thumbprint," Cassie in "Finally Home"
		expresses —(2014)
		(28) Cassie in "Finally Home" and the speaker in "Thumbprint" <b>both</b> —(2014)
		(29) Which line from the poem <b>best expresses</b> Cassie's feelings at the end of the story? (2014)
		(30) One <b>difference</b> between Cassie in the story and the speaker in the poem is that the speaker —(2014)
		(19) How are the descriptions of space travel <b>different</b> in the selection and the poem? (2015)
		(20) With which statement would <b>both</b> the author of the selection and the poet most likely agree? (2015)
		(21) One <b>difference</b> between the selection and the poem is that only the selection presents the idea that —(2015)
		(22) Which idea about humankind is expressed in <b>both</b> the selection and the poem? (2015)
		(23) Read this line from the poem.
		This idea is most closely related to the ideas of which person
		discussed in the selection? (2015)
		(30) What is one <b>difference</b> between Noah's mother in the excerpt and the author of the article? (2016)
		(31) Read the sentence form paragraph 4 of "A Little Common
		Courtesy, Please." Which event from "The View from Saturday" best
		demonstrates this message? (2016)
		(32) How are Noah's mother in the excerpt and the mother of the child in the article <b>similar</b> ? (2016)
		(33) How does Noah in the excerpt <b>act like</b> the texting grocery shopper in the article? (2016)
		(34) Read this sentence from "A Little Common Courtesy, Please." Which character from "The View from Saturday" holds a <b>similar</b> belief? (2016)
		(28) One <b>difference</b> between the selections "Breaking Out of the Box" and "A Bountiful Billboard" is that "A Bountiful Billboard" – (2017)
		(29) What <b>is one important benefit</b> of shipping container apartment buildings <b>and</b> the billboard in Lima? (2017)
		(30) Read this sentence from "Breaking Out of the Box." Which sentence from "A Bountiful Billboard" is <b>related to this idea</b> ? (2017)
		(31) <b>Both</b> selections explore ideas that involve – (2017)
		(26) In what ways are the topics of the story and the poem <b>similar</b> ? (2018)
		(27) How does Anthony in the story <b>differ</b> from the speaker in the poem? (2018)
		(28) <b>Unlike</b> Grandpa in the story, Mother in the poem—(2018)
		(29) The ending of the story and the ending of the poem are <b>similar</b> because both Anthony and the speaker – (2018)
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agree that—(2018)

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(19) What is one	way that Rodri	guez's and	Jonkers'	' method	s were	1

- (20) Read this sentence from paragraph 5 of "Persevering Plants." Rodriguez has tested his endophyte mixture on crops and achieved success. Which sentence from "The Cure for Concrete" shows a similar outcome for bioconcrete? (2019)
- (21) What is one problem presented about bioconcrete **that is not** presented about endophyte fungi?(2019)
- (22) What is one **difference** between Rodriguez's endophyte mixture and the bacteria in Jonkers' products? (2019)
- (18) In the selections "A Ghostly New Creature" and "Tiptoeing Scientists," how are Michael Vecchione's work and Marcio Pie's work different? (2021)
- (19) One **similarity** between the scientists in the selections "A Ghostly New Creature" and "Tiptoeing Scientists" is that they both -(2021)
- (20) In what way is scientist C. I. Moore from the selection "Tiptoeing Scientists" **unlike** Michael Vecchione from the selection "A Ghostly New Creature"? (2021)
- (21) Read this sentence from paragraph 8 of the selection "A Ghostly New Creature." [Still, the octopod's discovery is exciting because it suggests that many more undiscovered species could live in the deep sea and other places on Earth.] Which sentence from the selection "Tiptoeing Scientists" is related to this idea? (2021)
- 22 How do the frogs in the selection "Tiptoeing Scientists" **differ** from the octopod in the selection "A Ghostly New Creature"? (2021)