



**Preliminary STAAR Grade 8 Reading Language Arts Blueprint
Effective as of Academic Year 2022-23***

Reporting Categories	Number of Standards		Number of Questions	Number of Points	
Reporting Category 1: Reading	Readiness	13	26-28	28-30	
	Supporting	17			
Reporting Category 2: Writing	Readiness	10	17-19	26-28	
	Supporting	6			
Readiness Standards	Total	23		60-70%	34-39
Supporting Standards	Total	23		30-40%	17-22
1-point questions (multiple-choice and non-multiple-choice items)			42	42	
2-point questions (non-multiple-choice items)			2	4	
Extended constructed response (essay)			1	10	
Total			45	56	

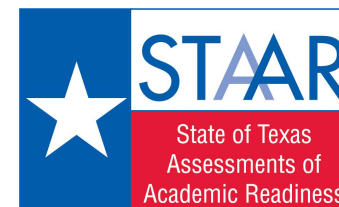
For resources on the **2021-22** STAAR grade 8 reading language arts test, including assessed curriculum and test schematics, visit: <https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/testing/taar/taar-reading-resources>

For all **2021-22** STAAR resources, including all test blueprints and assessed curriculum, visit: <https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/testing/taar/taar-resources>

For resources on the **2022-23** STAAR Redesign, visit: <https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/assessment-initiatives/hb-3906/taar-redesign>

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STAAR
Grade 8 Reading Language Arts
Test Design



Base Test <i>These items contribute to the student's score</i>		Field Test <i>These items <u>do not</u> contribute to the student's score</i>	
<i>Passages or Selections</i>	The reading section of the base test includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two single reading passages • <u>And</u> a paired reading passage (two passages that are read together) 	The writing section of the base test includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two revising selections • <u>And</u> two editing selections • <u>And</u> one extended constructed response (essay) 	Field test items include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Either</u> a single reading passage • <u>Or</u> a paired reading passage • <u>Or</u> a single revising selection • <u>Or</u> two short editing selections
<i>Number of Items</i>	26 to 28 multiple-choice and non-multiple-choice items	17 to 19 multiple-choice and non-multiple-choice items, including the extended constructed response, which is a written response to a single or paired reading selection.	6 multiple-choice and non-multiple-choice items
<i>Reading Load</i>	Approximately 3,800 words maximum		Approximately 950 words maximum
	<i>Note: Although the length of individual passages or selections may vary, the maximum reading load of the test is constant.</i>		
<i>Eligible Genres</i>	Fiction Poetry Drama Literary Nonfiction	Informational Argumentative Persuasive Correspondence	

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