

Reading STAAR Question Stems

- What does (word) mean in the passage? OR Which of the following could best replace (word) in the passage?
- What is paragraph _____ mostly about?
- Why did the author include paragraph _____?
- Why is paragraph _____ important to the passage?
- The author organizes the information in the selection by—
- Which of these is the best summary of the passage?
- What was the author's purpose in writing this selection?
- Based on paragraphs _____, the reader can conclude—
- What is the intended message of the illustration?
- The title of the selection refers to— OR Why did the author choose the title?



Persuasive Texts

- Which sentence from the passage best supports the idea _____?
- Based on this passage, the author would most likely agree that—
- What evidence from the selection shows _____?
- What does the author hope to accomplish by writing _____?
- From the information provided in the selection, the reader can conclude that—
- The author supports his/her argument by—
- The author's main argument is—
- How does the author support his/her persuasive point?

Narrative Texts

- In the exposition of the story, the reader learns—
- The climax of the story occurs when—
- The inciting incident occurs when—
- In the resolution, (character) feels—
- From the story, the reader can infer—

- The point of view in the passage allows the reader to know—
- The conflict between _____ and _____ can best be described as—
- Which of the following is the best theme for the story?
- The main conflict is—
- How was the conflict of _____ resolved?
- When (character) did _____, what was he/she hoping to accomplish?
- What causes (character) to _____?
- Why does the author include scene _____?
- How does (character) change throughout the story?
- Which action demonstrates the character's feelings about _____?

Poetry

- Which line from the poem best conveys the speaker's feelings about _____?
- Line _____ of the poem contains an example of _____? (poetic device)
- What is the setting of the poem? OR Why is the setting important to the poem?
- Which of the following best describes the speaker?
- The poem is mostly about _____?
- Based on lines _____ and lines _____, the speaker feels _____ then _____?
- What do lines _____ tell the reader?
- Which lines indicate the speaker is feeling _____?
- What does the description of _____ convey to the reader in lines _____?
- Lines _____ of the poem include all of the following poetic elements *except*—
- The poem is told from a _____ point of view. OR Why is the point of view important to the poem?
- The speaker of the poem experiences feelings of—
- The speaker of the poem experiences conflict over—
- What does the author's use of _____ (figurative language) help the reader understand?