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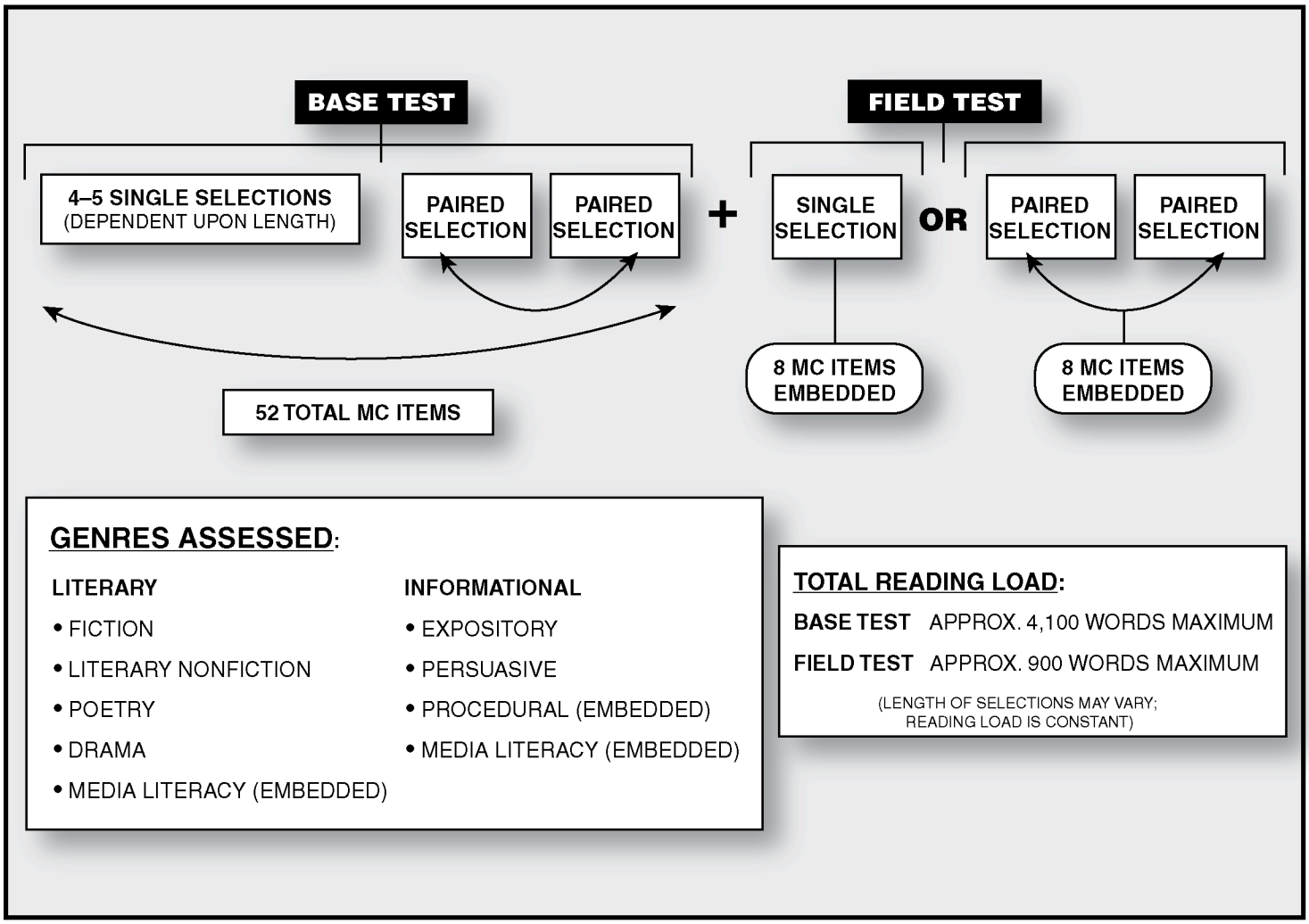
## Grade 8 Reading Test Design




**GENRES ASSESSED:**

**LITERARY**
- FICTION
- LITERARY NONFICTION
- POETRY
- DRAMA
- MEDIA LITERACY (EMBEDDED)

**INFORMATIONAL**
- EXPOSITORY
- PERSUASIVE
- PROCEDURAL (EMBEDDED)
- MEDIA LITERACY (EMBEDDED)

**TOTAL READING LOAD:**

**BASE TEST** APPROX. 4,100 WORDS MAXIMUM

**FIELD TEST** APPROX. 900 WORDS MAXIMUM

(LENGTH OF SELECTIONS MAY VARY; READING LOAD IS CONSTANT)

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