STAAR®
Grade 6 Reading Test Design

BASE TEST
3–5 SINGLE SELECTIONS
(DEPENDENT UPON LENGTH)

PAIRED SELECTION

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40 TOTAL MC ITEMS

FIELD TEST

SINGLE SELECTION

PAIR SELECTION

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6 MC ITEMS EMBEDDED

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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. 3,700 WORDS MAXIMUM
FIELD TEST  APPROX. 900 WORDS MAXIMUM

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