STAAR®
Grade 5 Reading
2019-2020 and 2020-2021
Test Design
(English and Spanish)

BASE TEST

3–4 SINGLE SELECTIONS
(DEPENDENT UPON LENGTH)

PAIRED
SELECTION

PAIRED
SELECTION

38 TOTAL MC ITEMS

+ FIELD TEST

SINGLE READING SELECTION

OR

PAIRED READING SELECTION

OR

PAIRED READING SELECTION

OR

WRITING SELECTION*

6 MC ITEMS EMBEDDED

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GENRES ASSESSED:
LITERARY
- FICTION
- POETRY
- DRAMA
INFORMATIONAL/EXPOSITORY

TOTAL READING LOAD:

BASE TEST  APPROX. 3,300 WORDS MAXIMUM
FIELD TEST  APPROX. 800 WORDS MAXIMUM

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

*Writing selection will be either a single revising selection or two short editing selections.