STAAR®
Grade 6 Reading
2019-2020 and 2020-2021
Test Design

BASE TEST

3–5 SINGLE SELECTIONS
(DEPENDENT UPON LENGTH)

PAIRED SELECTION

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40 TOTAL MC ITEMS

FIELD TEST

SINGLE READING SELECTION

OR

PAIRED READING SELECTION

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. 3,700 WORDS MAXIMUM

FIELD TEST

APPROX. 900 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.