STAAR®
Grade 8 Reading
2019-2020 and 2020-2021
Test Design

BASE TEST

4–5 SINGLE SELECTIONS
(DEPENDENT UPON LENGTH)

PAIRED SELECTION

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44 TOTAL MC ITEMS

FIELD TEST

SINGLE READING SELECTION

OR

PAIR SELECTION

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6 MC ITEMS EMBEDDED

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TOTAL READING LOAD:

BASE TEST APPROX. 4,100 WORDS MAXIMUM
FIELD TEST APPROX. 900 WORDS MAXIMUM

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

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