



# State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness Alternate 2 (STAAR® Alternate 2) Performance Level Descriptors Grade 8 Reading

## Performance Level Descriptors

### Students achieving Accomplished Performance can

- Analyze how characters influence the plot in literary text
- Summarize the main idea and supporting details of informational text
- Compare the differences in the authors' points-of view in literary and viewpoint informational text

### Students achieving Satisfactory Performance can

- Use context and reference materials to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words in literary and informational text
- Identify the elements of a literary text including plot, setting and characters
- Determine the order and importance of main events in a plot in literary text
- Identify organizational patterns in informational text
- Identify the author's viewpoint in informational text

### Students achieving Developing Performance can

- Match new vocabulary words from literary and informational text to reference materials
- Identify the plot in literary text
- Recognize the author's viewpoint in informational text