STAAR
Grade 4 Reading Test Design
(English and Spanish)

BASE TEST
3–4 SINGLE SELECTIONS
(DEPENDENT UPON LENGTH)
PAIRED SELECTION
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44 TOTAL MC ITEMS

FIELD TEST
SINGLE SELECTION
PAIRED SELECTION
PAIRED SELECTION

8 MC ITEMS EMBEDDED
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GENRES ASSESSED:
LITERARY
• FICTION
• LITERARY NONFICTION
• POETRY
• DRAMA
• MEDIA LITERACY (EMBEDDED)

INFORMATIONAL
• EXPOSITORY
• PROCEDURAL (EMBEDDED)
• MEDIA LITERACY (EMBEDDED)

TOTAL READING LOAD:
BASE TEST  APPROX. 3,100 WORDS MAXIMUM
FIELD TEST  APPROX. 800 WORDS MAXIMUM

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