STAAR
Grade 5 Reading Test Design
(English and Spanish)

BASE TEST
3–4 SINGLE SELECTIONS
(DEPENDENT UPON LENGTH)

PAIR SELECTION
PAIR SELECTION

46 TOTAL MC ITEMS

FIELD TEST
SINGLE SELECTION
PAIR SELECTION
PAIR SELECTION

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

INFORMATIONAL
• EXPOSITORY
• PERSUASIVE
• PROCEDURAL (EMBEDDED)
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TOTAL READING LOAD:
BASE TEST APPROX. 3,300 WORDS MAXIMUM
FIELD TEST APPROX. 800 WORDS MAXIMUM
(LENGTH OF SELECTIONS MAY VARY;
READING LOAD IS CONSTANT)

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