

Claim 1: Students can read closely and analytically to comprehend a range of increasingly complex literary and informational texts.

Target 11: REASONING & EVIDENCE: Make an inference or draw a conclusion about a text OR make inferences or draw conclusions in order to compare texts (e.g., development of events/ideas/individuals; author's point of view/purpose/differing viewpoints; use of media/formats; delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims) and use supporting evidence as justification/explanation.

Clarifications	<p>Item must require students to analyze a text (or texts) by making inferences or providing conclusions about the development of events, ideas, or individuals in the text; author's point of view, purpose, or differing viewpoints, etc. Additionally, students will apply reasoning to justify that analysis by identifying supporting evidence within the text(s).</p> <p>All items should require students to cite specific textual evidence to support conclusions drawn from the text(s).</p>
Standards	<p>RI-1 <u>Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text</u>, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.</p> <p>RI-3 <u>Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.</u></p> <p>RI-6 <u>Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text in which the rhetoric is particularly effective, analyzing how style and content contribute to the power, persuasiveness, or beauty of the text.</u></p> <p>RH-6 <u>Evaluate authors' differing points of view on the same historical event or issue by assessing the authors' claims, reasoning, and evidence.</u></p> <p>RST-6 <u>Analyze the author's purpose in providing an explanation, describing a procedure, or discussing an experiment in a text, identifying important issues that remain unresolved.</u></p> <p>RI-7 <u>Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words in order to address a question or solve a problem.</u></p> <p>RI-8 <u>Delineate and evaluate the reasoning in seminal US texts, including the application of constitutional principles and use of legal reasoning (e.g., in US Supreme Court majority opinions and dissents) and the premises, purposes, and arguments in works of public advocacy (e.g., <i>The Federalist</i>, presidential addresses).</u></p> <p>RH-8 <u>Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.</u></p> <p>RST-8 <u>Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information.</u></p> <p>RI-9 <u>Analyze seventeenth-, eighteenth-, and nineteenth-century foundational U.S. documents of historical and literary significance (including The Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address) for their themes, purposes, and rhetorical features.</u></p>

	NOTE: <u>Underlined content</u> (from related CC standards) shows what each assessment target could assess.
Depth of Knowledge	DOK 3, 4
Stimuli/Passages	<p>Each text must include explicitly and implicitly stated details that can be used to make inferences and provide conclusions.</p> <p>Refer to Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium: English Language Arts & Literacy Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) and Performance Task (PT) Stimulus Specifications for more information on informational text types.</p>
Dual-Text Stimuli	<p>When a dual-text set contains one literary and one informational text, the informational text (text #1) is the primary focus, and the set of items must include items from the informational stimulus as well as items written across both texts. The literary text (text #2) must only be used as a background piece for informational text, and no items can be written for only the literary text. If both texts are informational, items may be written to either or both texts. In all dual-text stimuli sets, between 25 and 40% of the items should be written across both texts.</p> <p>When developing items from a dual-text set, Task Model 5 (short-text constructed-response-WR) should be written using the <u>Appropriate Stems for Dual-Text Stimuli</u> only to ensure students will have the opportunity to respond in writing to information from both texts. Between 25 and 40% of all other items written in the dual-text set should be written across both texts.</p> <p>The title of each text should be included in the stem when more than one text is used. Dual text is considered long text.</p>
Accessibility	Refer to the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium: Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations Guidelines for information on accessibility.
Evidence Required	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The student will make an inference about an informational text or texts and identify evidence within the text or texts that support that inference. 2. The student will draw a conclusion about an informational text or texts and identify evidence within the text or texts that support that conclusion.
Allowable Item Types	Evidence-based Select Response, two-part multiple choice response (EBSR); Hot Text, select text (ST); Short Text, constructed response (WR)

Task Models	
Task Model 1 Item Type: Evidence-based Select Response, two-part multiple choice response (EBSR) DOK: 3, 4	<p>Task Description:</p> <p>This item has two parts. The item stem of PART A will prompt the selection of a statement that requires the student to make an inference OR draw a conclusion about the text.</p> <p>The answer choices of PART A will present four options of similar structure. The correct answer will be a statement that reflects an inference made OR conclusion drawn about the text. The distractors will be statements that would be plausible to students who 1) misinterpret details in the text, 2) make erroneous inferences OR conclusions about the text, OR 3) apply faulty reasoning about the text.</p> <p>The item stem of PART B will pose a question about the details that support the inference made OR conclusion drawn in Part A. This part of the item will provide students the opportunity to identify the textual evidence used to make the inference OR draw the conclusions.</p> <p>The answer choices of PART B will present four options of a line or lines taken directly from the text. The correct answer will be a line or lines that support the inference made OR conclusion drawn. The distractors will be a line or lines taken directly from the text that 1) support an erroneous inference OR conclusion OR 2) do not directly support the inference made OR conclusion drawn.</p> <p>Distractors will reflect common student errors.</p> <p>Rationales should state the justification for the type of plausible distractor.</p> <p>NOTE: Avoid answer choices in the two parts of the item that obviously correspond to one another such that selecting a particular answer choice in Part A directly determines which answer choice will be selected in Part B. Thus, some or all answer choices in Part B should provide plausible support for more than one answer choice in Part A.</p> <p>NOTE: When using an excerpt in Part A, answer choices for Part B must come entirely from the excerpt or entirely from elsewhere in the text; they cannot be a combination of the two.</p> <p>Target Evidence Statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The student will make an inference about an informational text or texts and identify evidence within the text or texts that support that inference. 2. The student will draw a conclusion about an informational text or texts and identify evidence within the text or texts that support that conclusion. <p>Lead-in: This question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer Part B.</p> <p>Appropriate Stems for PART A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which of these inferences about the [provide development of events/ideas/individuals/author's line of reasoning/point of view/purpose/relevance of evidence/elaboration to support claims, concepts, and ideas/etc.] is supported by the text? • What inference can be made about the [provide development of events/ideas/individuals/author's line of reasoning/point of view/purpose/relevance of evidence/elaboration to support claims, concepts, and ideas/etc.]?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What inference can be made about the author's opinion of [provide idea/concept in the text]? • Which of these conclusions about the [provide development of events/ideas/individuals/author's line of reasoning/point of view/purpose/relevance of evidence/elaboration to support claims, concepts, and ideas/etc.] is supported by the text? • What conclusion can be drawn about the [provide development of events/ideas/individuals/author's line of reasoning/point of view/purpose/relevance of evidence/elaboration to support claims, concepts, and ideas/etc.]? • What conclusion can be drawn about the author's opinion of [provide idea/concept in the text]? • What is most likely the author's intent by mentioning [provide target detail] in the text? • Read the [sentence(s)/paragraph(s)/section(s)] from the text. [Provide excerpted text] What is most likely the author's intent by mentioning [provide target detail] in the text? <p>Appropriate Stems for PART B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which the [sentence(s)/paragraph(s)/section(s)] from the text best support(s) your answer in Part A? • Which the [sentence(s)/paragraph(s)/section(s)] from the text best illustrate(s) the [inference made/conclusion drawn] in Part A? <p>Appropriate Stems for Dual-Text Stimuli <u>Only</u>:</p> <p>PART A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the [sentence(s)/paragraph(s)/section(s)] from [title text #2]. [Provide excerpt from text] Based on this information, [what inference can be made/what can a reader infer] about [provide development of events/ideas/individuals/author's line of reasoning/point of view/purpose/relevance of evidence/elaboration to support claims, concepts, and ideas/etc.] in [title text #1]? • Read the [sentence(s)/paragraph(s)/section(s)] from [title text #2]. [Provide excerpt from text] Based on this information, [what conclusion can be drawn/what can a reader conclude] about [provide development of events/ideas/individuals/author's line of reasoning/point of view/purpose/relevance of evidence/elaboration to support claims, concepts, and ideas/etc.] in [title text #1]? <p>PART B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which [sentence(s)/paragraph(s)/section(s)] from [title text #1] best support(s) your answer in Part A? <p>Scoring Rules: Correct response for both parts: 1 point; Incorrect response for either or both parts: 0 points</p>
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Task Models	
Task Model 2 Item Type: Hot Text, select text (ST) DOK: 3, 4	<p>Task Description:</p> <p>This item has two parts. The item stem of PART A will prompt the selection of a statement that requires the student to make an inference OR draw a conclusion about the text.</p> <p>The answer choices of PART A will present four options of similar structure. The correct answer will be a statement that reflects an inference made or conclusion drawn about the text. The distractors will be statements that would be plausible to students who 1) misinterpret details in the text, 2) make erroneous inferences or conclusions about the text, OR 3) apply faulty reasoning about the text.</p> <p>The item stem of PART B will prompt the selection of details from the text that support the inference made OR conclusion drawn in Part A. This part of the item will provide students the opportunity to identify the textual evidence used to make the inference or draw the conclusion.</p> <p>The answer choices of PART B will be selectable sentences, paragraphs, or sections from the text, or other selectable text. The text selection will be whole, continuous, and consecutive sections taken directly from the text, or other text provided. Sentences can be grouped into multi-sentence options. There will be one correct answer. The correct answer will be the selectable selection of text that provides support for the inference made or conclusion drawn. The distractors will be details that 1) support an erroneous inference OR conclusion OR 2) do not directly support the inference made or conclusion drawn.</p> <p>Distractors will reflect common student errors.</p> <p>Rationales should state the justification for the type of plausible distractor.</p> <p>Target Evidence Statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The student will make an inference about an informational text or texts and identify evidence within the text or texts that support that inference. 2. The student will draw a conclusion about an informational text or texts and identify evidence within the text or texts that support that conclusion. <p>Lead-in: This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.</p> <p>Appropriate Stems for PART A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click on the statement that best provides an inference about the [provide development of events/ideas/individuals/author's line of reasoning/point of view/purpose/relevance of evidence/elaboration to support claims, concepts, and ideas/etc.] that is supported by the text. • Click on the statement that best provides an inference that can be made about the author's opinion of [provide idea/concept in the text]. • Click on the statement that best provides a conclusion that can be drawn about the [provide development of events/ideas/individuals/author's line of reasoning/point of view/purpose/relevance of evidence/elaboration to support claims, concepts, and ideas/etc.]. • Click on the statement that best provides a conclusion that can be drawn about the author's opinion of [provide idea/concept in the text].

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click on the statement that best describes what the author most likely intended by mentioning [provide target detail] in the text. <p>Appropriate Stems for PART B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click on the [sentence(s)/section(s)/paragraph(s)] from the text that best support(s) your answer in Part A. Choose one option. [Provide excerpt from text] <p>Appropriate Stems for Dual-Text Stimuli <u>Only</u>:</p> <p>PART A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read the [sentence(s)/section(s)/paragraph(s)] from [title text #2]. [Provide excerpt from text] Based on this information, [what inference can be made/what can a reader infer] about [provide development of events/ideas/individuals/author's line of reasoning/point of view/purpose/relevance of evidence/elaboration to support claims, concepts, and ideas/etc.] in [text #1 name]? Read the [sentence(s)/section(s)/paragraph(s)] from [title text #2]. [Provide excerpt from text] Based on this information, [what conclusion can be drawn/what can a reader conclude] about [provide development of events/ideas/individuals/author's line of reasoning/point of view/purpose/relevance of evidence/elaboration to support claims, concepts, and ideas/etc.] in [title text #1]? <p>PART B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click on the [sentence(s)/section(s)/paragraph(s)] from [title text #1] that best support(s) your answer in Part A. <p>Scoring Rules: Correct response for both parts: 1 point; Incorrect response for either or both parts: 0 points</p>
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Format Example:

The Format Example includes a sample of hot text from a grade 11 item and is included to provide guidance regarding formatting purposes only.

Note that the selectable text of Part A mirrors a single-response multiple-choice item and of Part B is a whole, continuous section of text.

The following question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.

Part A

Click on the statement that **best** provides a conclusion that can be drawn about ideas in the text.

- A. [*Pong* suffered disappointments after each accomplishment it made in the gaming industry.]
- B. [*Pong* developed from a simple idea into a complex game that attracted people from all areas.]
- C. [*Pong* helped drive the success of the most profitable company to first produce gaming systems.]
- D. [*Pong* was the start of a popular gaming industry that was not able to maintain its triumphant achievements.]

Part B

Click on the sentence from the text that **best** supports your answer in Part A.

[Just when it seemed Atari was set for long-term success, the North American video game market crashed.] [Interest in home gaming systems waned, and Atari was sold.] [Years later, Japanese video game companies Sega and Nintendo reignited the flames of playing video games at home.] [Today, the popularity of gaming spreads across countries, cultures, and age groups.] [None of that would have been possible without *Pong*, though.] [A simple game of electronic tennis started a revolution in entertainment.]

Task Models	
Task Model 3 Item Type: Short Text, constructed response (WR) DOK: 3, 4	<p>Task Description: The item will prompt the student to make an inference OR draw a conclusion about events, ideas, concepts, procedures or point of view, etc., in the text AND support that analysis with details from the text. The item stem will prompt the student to 1) make an inference about the text and support their response with evidence from the text OR 2) draw a conclusion from the text and support their response with evidence from the text.</p> <p>Short-text items require students to cite specific textual evidence to support ideas drawn from the text(s).</p> <p>Note: Constructed-response (short-term) items will be written to long informational passages.</p> <p>Examples will reflect common student responses.</p> <p>Target Evidence Statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The student will make an inference about an informational text or texts and identify evidence within the text or texts that support that inference. 2. The student will draw a conclusion about an informational text or texts and identify evidence within the text or texts that support that conclusion. <p>Appropriate Stems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What inference can be made about the [provide development of events/ideas/individuals/author's line of reasoning//purpose/relevance of evidence/elaboration to support claims, concepts, and ideas]? Explain using key evidence from the text to support your answer. • What inference can be made about the author's opinion about [provide idea/concept in the text]? Explain using key evidence from the text to support your answer. • What conclusion can be drawn about the [provide development of events/ideas/individuals/author's line of reasoning/purpose/relevance of evidence/elaboration to support claims, concepts, and ideas/etc.]? Explain using key evidence from the text to support your answer. • What conclusion can be drawn about the author's opinion about [provide idea/concept in the text]? Explain using key evidence from the text to support your answer. • What most likely did the author intend by mentioning [provide target detail] in the text? Explain using key evidence from the text to support your answer. • Based on the text, [what conclusion can be drawn/what can a reader conclude] about [the author/the speaker/the narrator/or provide individual's name]'s [viewpoint/perspective/point of view] about [provide individual's name/provide information about individual/idea/event in the text]? Explain using key evidence from the text to support your answer.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on the text, [what inference can be made about/what can a reader infer] about [the author/the speaker/the narrator/or provide individual's name]'s [viewpoint/perspective/point of view] about [provide individual's name/provide information about individual/idea/event in the text]? Explain using key evidence from the text to support your answer. <p>Appropriate Stems for Dual-Text Stimuli <u>Only</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read the [sentence(s)/section(s)/paragraph(s)] from [title text #2]. [Provide excerpt from text] Based on this information, [what inference can be made/what can a reader infer] about [provide development of events/ideas/individuals/author's line of reasoning/purpose/relevance of evidence/elaboration to support claims, concepts, and ideas/etc.] in [title text #1]? Explain using key evidence from [title text #1/both texts] to support your answer. Read the [sentence(s)/section(s)/paragraph(s)] from [title text #2]. [Provide excerpt from text] Based on this information, [what conclusion can be drawn/what can a reader conclude] about [provide development of events/ideas/individuals/author's line of reasoning/purpose/relevance of evidence/elaboration to support claims, concepts, and ideas/etc.] in [text #1 name]? Explain using key evidence from [title text #1/both texts] to support your answer. Read the [sentence(s)/line(s)/set of lines/paragraph(s)] from [title text #2]. [excerpt from text] Based on this information, [what conclusion can be drawn/what can a reader conclude] about [the author/the speaker/the narrator/or provide individual's name]'s [viewpoint/perspective/point of view] about [provide individual's name/provide information about individual/idea/event] in [title text #1]? Explain using key evidence from [title text #1/both texts] to support your answer. Read the [sentence(s)/line(s)/set of lines/paragraph(s)] from [title text #2]. [excerpt from text] Based on this information, [what inference can be made/what can a reader infer] about [the author/the speaker/the narrator/or provide individual's name]'s [viewpoint/perspective/point of view] about [provide individual's name/provide information about individual/idea/event] in [title text #1]? Explain using key evidence from [title text #1/both texts] to support your answer.
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Scoring Notes:

Items are worth a possible two points (0,1,2) and responses are hand-scored. Rubrics will be item-specific.

Rubric Template:

Score	Rationale
2	A response: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gives sufficient evidence of the ability to make a clear inference/draw a conclusion • Includes specific examples/details that make clear reference to the text • Adequately explains inference/conclusion with clearly relevant information based on the text
1	A response: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gives limited evidence of the ability to make an inference/draw a conclusion • Includes vague/limited examples/details that make reference to the text • Provides a limited explanation of the inference/conclusion with vague/limited information based on the text
0	A response: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gives no evidence of the ability to make an inference/draw a conclusion OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gives an inference/conclusion but includes no examples or no examples/ details that make reference to the text OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gives an inference/draws a conclusion but includes no explanation or no relevant information from the text

Format Example:

The Rubric Example includes a sample short-text rubric from a grade 11 item. This is an example of a customized item specific rubric.

Score	Rationale	Exemplar
2	The response: - Gives sufficient evidence of the ability to make a clear inference about the sisters' relationship: - Includes specific examples/details that make clear reference to the text Details can include, but are not limited to: — Ashley commenting on Alice's tendency to be late — Ashley surprising Alice with the trip's destination — Ashley calling Alice "bestie" — Alice accepting Ashley's "abstract" personality and trusting her despite it — Alice deciding to relax and enjoy the ride — Alice wanting to go to the same college Ashley attends - Adequately explains an inference with clearly relevant information based on the text	Ashley and Alice are more than just sisters; they are friends. Ashley refers to Alice as her "bestie" and knows how much her sister wants to get into the same college she attends. Alice accepts her sister's "abstract" personality and trusts her enough to "sit back, relax, and enjoy the ride," even though she doesn't know where they are going.
1	The response: - Gives limited evidence of the ability to make an inference - Includes vague/limited examples/details that make reference to the text like those identified in the two-point rationale - Provides a limited explanation of the inference with vague/limited information based on the text	Alice and Ashley are close. They know a lot about each other, including their habits, likes, and dislikes.
0	A response: - Gives no evidence of the ability to make an inference OR - Gives an inference but includes no examples or no examples/details that make reference to the text OR - Gives an inference but includes no explanation or relevant information from the text	Alice and Ashley are sisters.