ECR PROMPTS

STAAR READING

EXTENDED CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE RELEASED PROMPTS

	2026 STAAR/EOC (NEW)	2025 STAAR/EOC	2024 STAAR/EOC	2023 STAAR/EOC
3RD	Explain if life was better or worse for cowboys before 1884 when more railroad tracks were built in Texas. WRITE ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY READ INFORMATIONAL TEXT	Explain why the farmer and Olivia feel DIFFERENTLY while working toward their goals. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ FICTION · POETRY · PAIRED	Explain the ways that soil is important to Earth. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ INFORMATIONAL TEXT	Explain your opinion about why people should or should not be rewarded for recycling. WRITE ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY READ ARGUMENTATIVE TEXT PAIRED
4TH	Explain how the animals carved from wood in paragraph 2 contribute to the story. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ FICTION	Explain whether or not people should make changes to traditional dishes. WRITE ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY READ INFORMATIONAL TEXT PAIRED	Explain how the events in the story cause Cody to change his opinions. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ FICTION	Explain why the Edwards Aquifer is important in the article. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ INFORMATIONAL TEXT
5TH	Argue whether Hare is right to solve her problem in the way that she does. WRITE ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY READ FICTION	Explain the effects that technology has had on animation. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ ARGUMENTATIVE TEXT	Explain how El-ahrairah's kindness helps him throughout the selection. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ FICTION	Explain how Kim shows determination throughout the story. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ FICTION
6TH	Explain how art has impacted Wang Yani's experiences in life. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ LITERARY NONFICTION	Write a letter to the town council about whether public access to a bat cave should be closed off. WRITE ARGUMENTATIVE LETTER READ INFORMATIONAL TEXT	Explain how Chip (from The Last Wild Place) and Xavier (in "A Wave of a Day") behave SIMILARLY to each other. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ FICTION · POETRY · PAIRED	Explain how the Camel Mobile Library has affected the people of Garissa. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ INFORMATIONAL TEXT
7TH	Explain the effects of the safety measures Strauss put in place during the construction of the Golden Gate Bridge. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ INFORMATIONAL TEXT	Describe how the relationship between the author and her grandmother influenced the author's life. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ LITERARY NONFICTION	Should students be involved in deciding how money is spent in their schools or communities through participatory budgeting? Why or why not? WRITE ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY READ ARGUMENTATIVE TEXT	Explain some ways humans benefit from allowing robots to complete simple tasks at home and in the workplace. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ INFORMATIONAL TEXT
8TH	Argue whether the United States should invest in maglev trains or focus on improving train systems that already exist. WRITE ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY READ INFORMATIONAL TEXT	Explain what the invention of snow goggles reveals about ancient cultures. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ INFORMATIONAL TEXT	Explain how Carol's curiosity influences events in the excerpt. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ FICTION	Explain what new research reveals about horses' ability to communicate. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ INFORMATIONAL TEXT
EI	Explain the influence of the stage directions on the development of a character throughout the play. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ DRAMA	Explain how the treatment of the time capsule over time has demonstrated that people value its significance. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ INFORMATIONAL TEXT	Identify and explain the significance of the revelation Miss McGill has from her dealings with Mr. Mifflin. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ FICTION	Explain why travelers enjoy using the National Road today. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ INFORMATIONAL TEXT
EII	Describe how the author uses language throughout the excerpt to build toward the encounter with the leopard in paragraph 19. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ FICTION	Explain how geological features have helped shape the history of human civilizations. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ INFORMATIONAL TEXT	Explain what makes the situation in Antarctica unusual. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ INFORMATIONAL TEXT	Explain how acquiring the loft room changes Thea. WRITE INFORMATIONAL ESSAY READ FICTION

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