EVIDENCE SENTENCES

EXACT STUDENT WORDING • STAAR ECR

SELECTED FROM TEA'S PUBLISHED TOP-SCORE (5/5) RESPONSES

2026–2024 • GRADES 3–8 + ENGLISH I & II • ORIGINAL SPELLING RETAINED

ELEMENTARY

GRADE	2026	2025	2024
GRADE 3	**Brings in evidence** In the text it said,“ Cowboys often faced bad weather.” TEA p. 22 · Response 2	**Brings in evidence** In paragraph 3 of “The Farm Where Nothing Grew ”it states “You will never be able to grow anything, said the tailor ”. TEA p. 21 · Response 1	**Brings in evidence** Soil is made feom rocks,air, and water! TEA p. 20 · Response 2
GRADE 4	**Brings in evidence** In paragraph 2, the author states, “ There sat her collection of forest animals her grandfather had carved for her from wood: cherry-colored squirrels, birch-gray deer, bears with stripes of wood grain down their rounded backs.” TEA p. 23 · Response 2	**Brings in evidence** As the second passage states, “The goal is to show that Beninese food can be quality resteraunt food.” TEA p. 22 · Response 1	**Brings in evidence** In paragraph 1, Cody wonders why mud plays real soccer if he loses in Soccer Slam so much. TEA p. 20 · Response 2
GRADE 5	**Brings in evidence** The author states that “Hare was frantic with worry. She knew the elephants would return to the the lake the next day.” TEA p. 22 · Response 1	**Brings in evidence** I know this information about this technology because in paragraph two, “They drew on plastic sheets called cels.”. TEA p. 23 · Response 2	**Brings in evidence** In the text it says: “El-ahrairah looked steadily into the snake's eyes and felt his willpower dissolve and even his power to move.” TEA p. 22 · Response 1

MIDDLE SCHOOL

GRADE	2026	2025	2024
GRADE 6	**Brings in evidence** One example of this is, “By the age of six, she had produced over 4,000 paintings.” TEA p. 24 · Response 2	**Brings in evidence** The text says “Some bat conservation groups have built special gates at cave openings. The gates prevent people from disturbing sleeping bats.” (Pr. 10) TEA p. 25 · Response 2	**Brings in evidence** Chip knew not to touch the coral snake and knew it was poison by remembering, “Red by black, don't worry Jack. Red by yellow, kill a fellow.” TEA p. 21 · Response 2
GRADE 7	**Brings in evidence** In paragraph 6 of the article “Buliding the Golden Gate Bridge” ,the author states the conditons of working in the 20th century.“People accepted that dangerous working conditions were a part if large-scale building projects”. TEA p. 25 · Response 2	**Brings in evidence** When the author felt stressed or was in a difficult situation, “the changing shapes of the paper absorbed my attention until I had nearly forgotten my distress. In that moment, I was no longer alone.” (Paragraph 6). TEA p. 26 · Response 2	**Brings in evidence** Students who expirience PB are “7 percent more likley to vote in future elections” (paragraph 5). TEA p. 25 · Response 2
GRADE 8	**Brings in evidence** In the article How Maglev Trains Work it states “The new train would cut the current travel time from 30 minutes to 15 minutes.” TEA p. 25 · Response 2	**Brings in evidence** “Another benefit of these goggles was their abiliy to serve as corrective lenses for some people.”(Seeing in a Sea of Snow, paragraph 10) TEA p. 26 · Response 2	**Brings in evidence** For example, the text in paragraph 7 says “ As she made her first trip alone to Mr. Linden's house, turning aside from the wind that rippled the bay, Carol thought about asking him directly about the book.” TEA p. 23 · Response 2

HIGH SCHOOL

GRADE	2026	2025	2024
ENGLISH I	**Brings in evidence** By describing her vivid emotions, “[Checks her phone and then looks up, devastated.]“ the reader is able to sympathize with Soledad, as she has mentioned previously how hard she has been working towards this goal. TEA p. 24 · Response 1	**Brings in evidence** In “Buried History” paragraph 5 the author writes “when workers found the time capsule containing the plaque and other items, they realized the items were of historic importance.” TEA p. 22 · Response 1	**Brings in evidence** Directly after, she is quoted as thinking, “Here goes for the revolt of Helen McGill”. TEA p. 23 · Response 2
ENGLISH II	**Brings in evidence** In paragraph 4, Bond said that “the birds and animals soon grew accustomed to my presence.” TEA p. 24 · Response 1	**Brings in evidence** In the article, the author states that, “Builders could quarry stones from the rocky ground. Lumber producers and grain millers could power their sawmills and gristmills with the fast-flowing water.” TEA p. 28 · Response 2	**Brings in evidence** Under the heading, “Governed by Treaty,” we see the development of the Antartic Treaty of 1959. TEA p. 23 · Response 1

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