EXPLANATION SENTENCES

EXACT STUDENT WORDING · STAAR ECR

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

2023–2026 · GRADES 3–8 + ENGLISH I & II · ORIGINAL SPELLING RETAINED

ELEMENTARY

GRADE	2026	2025	2024	2023
GRADE 3	**Explains the evidence** This explains that it was a long drive to get to the northeast. TEA p. 22 · Response 2	**Explains the evidence** In other words, the farmer believed in himself more than Olivia because Olivia wanted to quit but the farmer did not. TEA p. 22 · Response 2	**Explains the evidence** We would not survive because plants make food for us and if there was no nurtrients in soil we would have no food. TEA p. 19 · Response 1	**Explains the evidence** It just makes people think of getting money. TEA p. 19 · Response 2
GRADE 4	**Explains the evidence** What I mean is that the carvings are her favorite animals. TEA p. 21 · Response 1	**Explains the evidence** That means to me that they like to change recipies to see what ingredients work for other foods. TEA p. 23 · Response 2	**Explains the evidence** After these events, Cody's perspective about Mud changed. TEA p. 19 · Response 1	**Explains the evidence** If the Edwards Aquifer was not here it would be harder to get water, and a lot of animals would be forced out of there home incuding the Austin Blind Salamander. TEA p. 19 · Response 2
GRADE 5	**Explains the evidence** Asking politely would clearly not convince the elphants to leave, as they believe themselves to have a high reputation. TEA p. 23 · Response 2	**Explains the evidence** Which makes me think that it is evident that 2D drawing and animating softwares have improved. TEA p. 23 · Response 2	**Explains the evidence** This part were El-ahrairah is kind is important because it effects the ending. TEA p. 23 · Response 2	**Explains the evidence** From there we get her next spark of determination. TEA p. 21 · Response 1

MIDDLE SCHOOL

GRADE	2026	2025	2024	2023
GRADE 6	**Explains the evidence** By having the artistic talent that she has, she has had so many different experiences open up and show themselves to her. TEA p. 24 · Response 2	**Explains the evidence** This shows me that blocking the entrance with gates can help protect the bats from intruders. TEA p. 25 · Response 2	**Explains the evidence** He knew it would take a while for them to trust him, not just one minute. TEA p. 21 · Response 2	**Explains the evidence** This makes it so the literacy rate rises since they now have the want to read. TEA p. 21 · Response 1
GRADE 7	**Explains the evidence** This affected the workplace and made it more safer at a time when dangerous working conditions were normal. TEA p. 24 · Response 1	**Explains the evidence** This helps her remember to move slowly, be mindful, and relax when something is important later assisting her in interactions with other people and being at one with herself. TEA p. 24 · Response 1	**Explains the evidence** Studies have also found that students who participate in PB are 7 percent more likely to vote in future elections. TEA p. 23 · Response 1	**Explains the evidence** This helps the industry make money faster. TEA p. 26 · Response 2
GRADE 8	**Explains the evidence** Making the switch to Maglev trains would be the intelligent thing to do, because it would decrease the amount of fuel used since Maglev trains run on an electromagnetism. TEA p. 25 · Response 2	**Explains the evidence** This shows that many natives are smarter than we think and very problem solvers as well. TEA p. 24 · Response 1	**Explains the evidence** Clearly, her going back to the library is a result of her curiosity. TEA p. 23 · Response 2	**Explains the evidence** If horses can read, that leads to more possibilties of how smart these creatures could be. TEA p. 25 · Response 2

HIGH SCHOOL

GRADE	2026	2025	2024	2023
ENGLISH I	**Explains the evidence** This develops his character, as Kevin himself realizes that he is not good at basketball and will have to publically show off his lack of basketball skills. TEA p. 26 · Response 2	**Explains the evidence** This time capsule gave a well thought out view of the copious trials and tribulations faced in 1795. TEA p. 22 · Response 1	**Explains the evidence** The significance is clear, the idea of switching roles coupled with the defiance she shows allows her to step outside her traditional role. TEA p. 23 · Response 2	**Explains the evidence** Because of this critical part in the American story, history buffs and interested citizens alike may travel along the National Road, to learn more about this critical point in American history. TEA p. 25 · Response 2
ENGLISH II	**Explains the evidence** Because the author guaranteed another encounter with the leopard after its first off-putting appearance, it is clear that suspenseful language is used throughout the excerpt to build up to the final encounter. TEA p. 26 · Response 2	**Explains the evidence** This evidence shows the geological advatanges that the fall line provided benefitted European needs so much that they decided to settle there. TEA p. 28 · Response 2	**Explains the evidence** This ban on military use is unusual in itself. TEA p. 23 · Response 1	**Explains the evidence** Being in her own space, Thea found it easier to think and clear her mind. TEA p. 24 · Response 2