INTRODUCTIONS

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	**Opens with the thesis** *Both top score papers open with the thesis.* TEA p. 21 · Response 1 · TEA p. 22 · Response 2	**Opening sentence** Did you know that the farmer and Olivia felt differently while working toward teir goals? TEA p. 22 · Response 2	**Opening sentences** Without soil we cant live! Did you know soil brings us plants? TEA p. 20 · Response 2
GRADE 4	**Opening sentence** When Catalina was in her room there where wood carvings. TEA p. 21 · Response 1	**Opening sentences** Destroy cultural and ancient recipies? No way! But they're not destroying the recipies, they're just adding and creating new ones for generations to come. TEA p. 23 · Response 2	**Opens with the thesis** *Both top score papers open with the thesis.* TEA p. 19 · Response 1 · TEA p. 20 · Response 2
GRADE 5	**Opening sentences** Have you ever used trickery to solve a problem? Well hare sure has. TEA p. 22 · Response 1	**Opening sentence** Animation has been around since the early 1900's, and the evolution of it has been evident in the past century with the new technology that has been created. TEA p. 23 · Response 2	**Opens with the thesis** *Both top score papers open with the thesis.* TEA p. 22 · Response 1 · TEA p. 23 · Response 2

MIDDLE SCHOOL

GRADE	2026	2025	2024
GRADE 6	**Opening sentence** After reading the passage, "Young Master Yani" I can conclude that art had a huge impact in Wang Yani's experiences in life. TEA p. 23 · Response 1	**Opening sentences** Have you ever seen a bat? In the selection "The Bat's Cave: A Dark City" We get informaiton about bats and different activities and things they do over the day, like where they live at, what they eat, and when they sleep. TEA p. 25 · Response 2	**Opens with the thesis** *Both top score papers open with the thesis.* TEA p. 20 · Response 1 · TEA p. 21 · Response 2
GRADE 7	**Opening sentence** The Golden Gate Bridge is a historic brige located in the state of California. TEA p. 25 · Response 2	**Opening sentence** There are approximately eight billion people in the world, and out of these eight billion people there are loved ones who change the way you look at life forever. TEA p. 26 · Response 2	**Opens with the thesis** *Both top score papers open with the thesis.* TEA p. 23 · Response 1 · TEA p. 25 · Response 2
GRADE 8	**Opening sentences** Have you ever been on a train? Did you hate the screeching noise and the constant bumpiness? TEA p. 24 · Response 1	**Opening sentences** Have you ever gone to a history class, and wondered, whats the point of this? What is learning about past objects or lives going to help me do? TEA p. 24 · Response 1	**Opens with the thesis** *Both top score papers open with the thesis.* TEA p. 22 · Response 1 · TEA p. 23 · Response 2

HIGH SCHOOL

GRADE	2026	2025	2024
ENGLISH I	**Opening sentence** In the play Winning, Soledad, Alejandro's sister, enters a competition for a pair of basketball shoes. TEA p. 26 · Response 2	**Opening sentence** "A time capsule is a container that holds objects representative of a specific time period in which the capsule was created." TEA p. 22 · Response 1	**Opening sentence** Have you ever gotten held back from achieving a goal or dream? TEA p. 22 · Response 1
ENGLISH II	**Opening sentence** Every author has their own way of building up to the climax of the plot. TEA p. 24 · Response 1	**Opening sentence** Throughout history, geology has always been a factor in successes or failures of human civilization as they build upon mountains, brave the treacherous seas, or develop agricultural methods. TEA p. 26 · Response 1	**Opens with the thesis** *Both top score papers open with the thesis.* TEA p. 23 · Response 1 · TEA p. 24 · Response 2