PROMPT WORDS BY SCORE

FIRST FIVE SENTENCES BY RESPONSE • STAAR ECR

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TEA PROMPT • SCORING GUIDE P. 7

Explain if **life** was **better** or **worse** for **cowboys** before **1884** when more **railroad tracks** were **built** in **Texas**.

Bold words are the prompt key words (common stopwords removed). A cell word matched whole word, case does not matter, in that paper's first five sentences.

SCORE 0

RESPONSE 1

life

1 of 10 key words

life was beter becuse thay cood be hoppy.

RESPONSE 2

cowboys

1 of 10 key words

Now i know that cowboys are popular from the text one raeson i know that in parghraph 3 it kinda has all the emfo.

SCORE 1

RESPONSE 1

worse

1 of 10 key words

it would be worse because they had to walk more and their cattles would get stolen even more and they would be tired even more and they would get mad because their cattles would get stolen and they walk so much already they dont have to walk even more they also walk but then they ride cows now and its actually cool but their cows would get diseases but righ now they use cars

RESPONSE 2

better, cowboys, railroad, built, texas

5 of 10 key words

I thick that it's better that railroad tacks were built beuces cowboys some times die beuceas they walk miles in the sun and they had no whater and food in paergapa it said cowboys could make more money on the long drive.

SCORE 2

RESPONSE 1

life, better, built, texas

4 of 10 key words

After reading the texas cowboy it is evident that life was better when more railroads were built in texes because they would put there cattle on the train.

RESPONSE 2

cowboys, 1884

2 of 10 key words

I think it was wors befor the 1884 becoause in the 1884 they had just invented rell rode trackes.

SCORE 3

RESPONSE 1

life, better, cowboys, built, texas

5 of 10 key words

Life was better because when the railroads were built, it was much easier.

RESPONSE 2

life, better, cowboys, 1884, railroad

5 of 10 key words

Life was better for cowboys before 1884 when the railroad were populeted.

RESPONSE 3

life, better, worse, cowboys, 1884, texas

6 of 10 key words

Based on the passage The Texas Cowboy life was probobly worse before 1884 and I have evedince one peice of evedince from parograph 6 it says "Cowboys needed a better way to move their cattle" this shows that they didn't have a very good way to get around because they didn't have trains it was hard to transport cattle.

SCORE 4

RESPONSE 1

life, better, worse, cowboys, 1884

5 of 10 key words

Life was worse for cowboys before 1884 because they had to go a long way just to get cattle, but it got better.

RESPONSE 2

better, cowboys, 1884, railroad

4 of 10 key words

I belive that it was better for cowboys before 1884 because: in paragraph 2 it states that in the "mid 1800s, being a cowboy was a poupular job," This means that there where lots of cowboys, but that also means that there where lots of people that needed cowboys.

SCORE 5

RESPONSE 1

life, better, cowboys

3 of 10 key words

I think life was better because, the cowboys didn't have to do a lot of work and were able to rest more.

RESPONSE 2

life, worse, cowboys, 1884

4 of 10 key words

In my opinion, life was worse for cowboys before 1884.

PROMPT WORDS BY SCORE

FIRST FIVE SENTENCES BY RESPONSE • STAAR ECR

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TEA PROMPT • SCORING GUIDE P. 6

Explain how the **animals carved** from **wood** in **paragraph 2 contribute** to the **story**.

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SCORE 0

RESPONSE 1

paragraph, 2, story

3 of 8 key words

Paragraph 2 is important to the story because if they didn't include that we would not know how they look like, what are they made out of and what color are they.

RESPONSE 2

animals, carved, wood

3 of 8 key words

How the animals are carved is because like they said they used wood.

SCORE 1

RESPONSE 1

animals, wood, story

3 of 8 key words

the animals that abuelo made with wood were important in the story because that's how you know he had experiance shaping thigs so it would not be difficut for him to make a iceicle dove

RESPONSE 2

wood

1 of 8 key words

sh says thr ar chery colord squrls andbirch gray dear and bars with wood grain down there rounded backs.

SCORE 2

RESPONSE 1

animals, carved, wood, 2, story

5 of 8 key words

The animals carved in the story countribet to the story beacause in the story Catlina really wants a carved dove out of crystals but her Abuelo cant buy beacue they dont have enough money.

RESPONSE 2

animals, 2, story

3 of 8 key words

how pragraph 2 connects to the whole intire story is because it tells how much catalina loves animals because.

SCORE 3

RESPONSE 1

animals, carved, wood, story

4 of 8 key words

The wood carved animals in the story goes along with the idea that she likes animals.

RESPONSE 2

animals, carved, wood, 2, story

5 of 8 key words

The carved animals careved from wood contributes to the story by showing that Abuelo can carve.I think this because Catalina's grandfather/Abeulo carved her wooden sculptures of squrels,bears, and deer.

RESPONSE 3

animals, carved, wood, paragraph, 2, story

6 of 8 key words

I claim that paragraph 2 contrubute to the story by talking about the carved forest animals from wood and this help it because the probem is that Catalina wanted a dove the is like a cristal that was sold in the store and the solution is that the grandpa makes a dove with a ice that was henging on the roof of thier house.

SCORE 4

RESPONSE 1

animals, carved, wood, paragraph, 2, story

6 of 8 key words

I infer that paragraph 2 had an impact to the story because it says that her grandfather had carved animals from wood.

RESPONSE 2

animals, carved, wood, contribute, story

5 of 8 key words

The animals that were carved from wood contribute to the story because the the story it says her pets lived in her bedroom window and her grandfather carved them out of different types of wood.

SCORE 5

RESPONSE 1

animals, wood, contribute, story

4 of 8 key words

When Catalina was in her room there where wood carvings.

RESPONSE 2

animals, carved, wood, paragraph, 2, contribute, story

7 of 8 key words

In "The Ice Dove," by Diane de Anda, it tells of a girl named Catalina who loves animals but can't get the crystal dove she wants.

PROMPT WORDS BY SCORE

FIRST FIVE SENTENCES BY RESPONSE • STAAR ECR

TEA RELEASED ECR SCORING GUIDE • SPRING 2026 • GRADE 5

TEA PROMPT • SCORING GUIDE P. 6

Argue whether **Hare** is **right** to **solve** her **problem** in the **way** that she does.

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SCORE 0

RESPONSE 1

hare, right, problem

3 of 6 key words

She solved her problem by A full moon was just peeking above the trees and Hare hopped to the jungle for her to talk to the Elephant and she hopped right into the middle into the herd and stared shouting as loud as she could.

RESPONSE 2

argue, hare, right, solve, problem

5 of 6 key words

Argue wether hare is right to solve her problem in the waythat she does.

SCORE 1

RESPONSE 1

hare, right, solve, problem, way

5 of 6 key words

I don't think the hare solve her problem the right way.

RESPONSE 2

hare, right, solve, problem

4 of 6 key words

Hello today im going to tell you why the hare was right to sovle her problem like that first the Elephats where trampling the burrows of the hares it states in Elephant and Hare,"They didn't notice that they where trampling the burrows Hare's friends beneath thier there juge feet",And the Elephats crushed the grass the hares eat it states in Elephats and Hare", The elephats enormous feet crushed many of the tender grasses that hare and her friends used for food", And i thihk it was right for the hare to solve the problem like that.

SCORE 2

RESPONSE 1

hare, right, solve, problem, way

5 of 6 key words

I think Hare was right to solve her problem the way she did because ... she thought long and hard about her idea I know this because in paragraph 17-20 it stated eleaphant was scared and belived in the "Moon God".

RESPONSE 2

hare, right, problem

3 of 6 key words

The hare was right to sovle her or his problem like that.Because inparagraph it says they were in such a hurry they didn't notice they were trampling the hares freinds borrows.

SCORE 3

RESPONSE 1

hare, right, solve, problem, way

5 of 6 key words

In my opinion,Hare is right to solve her problem in the way that she does because Elephant had destroyed all of Hare's food.According to the text,"On their way,the Elephant enormous feet crushed many of the tender grass that Hare and her friends used for food.""This shows why Hare is right to solve her problem in the way she does because Elephant crushed the tender grass that they had use for food.

RESPONSE 2

hare, right, solve, problem, way

5 of 6 key words

Hare is right to solve her problem in the way that she does because when the herd of elephants came out the jungle they trampled over Hare's friends burrows.

RESPONSE 3

hare, right, solve, problem, way

5 of 6 key words

Imagine your a hare and your having a peacful day by the lake with your hare freinds and elphants 100 times bigger tha you come storming out of the looking for water and they crush your burrows and food that you shared with your freinds and then they flee the seen.

SCORE 4

RESPONSE 1

hare, right, problem, way

4 of 6 key words

Hare is not right for solving her problem the way she did.

RESPONSE 2

hare, right, solve, problem, way

5 of 6 key words

I beilieve Hare is right to solve her problem they way she did and here is why.

SCORE 5

RESPONSE 1

hare, right, solve, problem, way

5 of 6 key words

Have you ever used trickery to solve a problem?

RESPONSE 2

hare, right

2 of 6 key words

In the story, Elephant and Hare, Hare uses trickery to keep the elephants away from the lake.

PROMPT WORDS BY SCORE

FIRST FIVE SENTENCES BY RESPONSE • STAAR ECR

TEA RELEASED ECR SCORING GUIDE • SPRING 2026 • GRADE 6

TEA PROMPT • SCORING GUIDE P. 6

Explain how **art** has **impacted Wang Yani's experiences** in **life**.

Bold words are the prompt key words (common stopwords removed). A cell word matched whole word, case does not matter, in that paper's first five sentences.

SCORE 0

RESPONSE 1

art, yani

2 of 7 key words

Yani had destroyed her fathers paintings but when her father showed her the paintings he made to his friends in the village of Gongcheng, China, they greed that yani art is really amazing instead of punishing her for destrying her dad's paintings.

RESPONSE 2

yani

1 of 7 key words

When Yani was three, she snuck into her fathers painting studio.

SCORE 1

RESPONSE 1

art, impacted, wang, yani, life

5 of 7 key words

Art impacted Wang Yani life since, she was only four when she stared painting, the paintings were so good people new she was a artist, she had made over 4,000 paintings at the age of four years old, when she was six people all over the world had seen her paintings like Japan, England and the USA, she had her own exhibit when she was four !!!

RESPONSE 2

art

1 of 7 key words

I think when she saw her father or dad working she got inspired so she wanted try and accidentally ruin her dad or fathers work but she created a master peice and her dads friends loved it and siad they liked her ao now i think she is a famous artis becuase of the accident that happend when she messed up her faather or her dads work you can say so she has been more into painting and selling them to her dad her friends and alsmost he family member oi don't know that for sure but that is my thinking and yea that is what i think how art inspired her after what happend with her dad and stuff.

SCORE 2

RESPONSE 1

art, impacted, yani, life

4 of 7 key words

Art has impacted Young Master Yanis life massivly, it has let her go around the world and experince going to places like Japan, England, Germany and the United States said in the text, "she has had art shows in Japan, England, Germany, and the United States.

RESPONSE 2

art, impacted, wang, yani, experiences, life

6 of 7 key words

have you ever been good at art that you became very skillful.

SCORE 3

RESPONSE 1

art, impacted, wang, yani, life

5 of 7 key words

In "Young Master Yani", the art impacted Wang Yani's life by embracing her creativity.

RESPONSE 2

art, impacted, yani, life

4 of 7 key words

Art has impacted Yani's experience in life in many different ways as first she was recognized to have mutual talent for a really famous art style called xieyi, which is expressed when the father's friends saw her painting on paragraph 5 when the text said "But when her father showed the painting to all of his friends in their village, they all agreed the young girls work was amazing".

RESPONSE 3

art, wang, yani, experiences, life

5 of 7 key words

Young master Yani is about a young girl who is ammazing at art and is better then most adults geting her art work into a exibit in chine by the age of 4.

SCORE 4

RESPONSE 1

art, impacted, wang, yani, experiences, life

6 of 7 key words

Art has impacted Wang Yani's experiences in life by making it more busy.

RESPONSE 2

art, impacted, wang, yani, experiences, life

6 of 7 key words

Art has impacted Wang Yani's experiences in life by giving her oppertunities to become a profesional artist and by helping her become more succesful in life because of her art skills and her talent to paint really good paintings.

SCORE 5

RESPONSE 1

art, wang, yani, experiences, life

5 of 7 key words

After reading the passage, "Young Master Yani" I can conclude that art had a huge impact in Wang Yani's experiences in life.

RESPONSE 2

art, impacted, wang, yani, experiences, life

6 of 7 key words

Art has impacted Wang Yani's experiences in life by a land slide!

PROMPT WORDS BY SCORE

FIRST FIVE SENTENCES BY RESPONSE • STAAR ECR

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TEA PROMPT • SCORING GUIDE P. 7

Explain the **effects** of the **safety measures Strauss put** in **place** during the **construction** of the **Golden Gate Bridge**.

Bold words are the prompt key words (common stopwords removed). A cell word matched whole word, case does not matter, in that paper's first five sentences.

SCORE 0

RESPONSE 1

put

1 of 11 key words

they put a net under where there working so that they dont fall and die they use hard hats to keep them safe they use mask to keep them from getting hurt from fumes

RESPONSE 2

golden, gate, bridge

3 of 11 key words

The golden gate bridge is a great piece of history.The golden gate bridge is a glorious landmark.

SCORE 1

RESPONSE 1

strauss, bridge

2 of 11 key words

the effects of Strauss effort is to keep his builders safe like when he built the a net to keep workers from falling off when the workers worked on the deck consruction the net saved 19 people and it was the best saftey measure the respirator masks protected workers from the fumes realesed by the drill's anyone who refused to wear a hard hat was fired beacause without the hard hat someone could get severly injured form falling on to the metal bridge that is why Strauss made them wear one and in the early twentieth century worker saftey was not important people accepted that it will be dangorus for a large scale project So Strauss implemented these saftey rules.

RESPONSE 2

safety, measures, strauss, put, construction, bridge

6 of 11 key words

Strauss safety measures saved a lot of people during the construction of the birdge.

SCORE 2

RESPONSE 1

safety, measures, strauss, put, place, construction, golden, gate

8 of 11 key words

The effects of the safety measures Strauss put in place durring the construction of the Golden Gate Brige was so nobody got injured or killed durring the construction.

RESPONSE 2

golden, gate, bridge

3 of 11 key words

During the building for the Golden Gate Bridge many feats were acomplished.

SCORE 3

RESPONSE 1

safety, measures, strauss, put, place, bridge

6 of 11 key words

The safety measures put in place by Strauss had a big effect on the workers who worked there.

RESPONSE 2

golden, gate, bridge

3 of 11 key words

The Golden Gate Bridge has change our world more than we know it.

RESPONSE 3

strauss, construction, golden, gate, bridge

5 of 11 key words

Do you ever wonder how people stay safe in a really big constuction site.

SCORE 4

RESPONSE 1

safety, strauss, put, place, golden, gate, bridge

7 of 11 key words

Joseph Strauss put in place a number of safety precautions to protect the workers building the Golden Gate Bridge.

RESPONSE 2

put, golden, gate, bridge

4 of 11 key words

In this article Building the golden gate bridge strause put a lot of hard work into making the workers wear saftey gear when building the bridge.

SCORE 5

RESPONSE 1

safety, measures, strauss, construction, golden, gate, bridge

7 of 11 key words

When Strauss was building the Golden Gate Bridge he was implementing many safety measures.In fact he was implementing safety rules that had never been seen before in the United States.

RESPONSE 2

safety, strauss, construction, golden, gate, bridge

6 of 11 key words

The Golden Gate Bridge is a historic brige located in the state of California.It's construction changed some safety processes exist today that didn't back then.

PROMPT WORDS BY SCORE

FIRST FIVE SENTENCES BY RESPONSE • STAAR ECR

TEA RELEASED ECR SCORING GUIDE • SPRING 2026 • GRADE 8

TEA PROMPT • SCORING GUIDE P. 8

Argue whether the **United States** should **invest** in **maglev trains** or **focus** on **improving train systems** that **already exist**.

Bold words are the prompt key words (common stopwords removed). A cell word matched whole word, case does not matter, in that paper's first five sentences.

SCORE 0

RESPONSE 1

trains

1 of 12 key words

trains are the fastest type of transportation that can reach up too about 400 miles per hour.

RESPONSE 2

maglev, trains, train

3 of 12 key words

In the story of how maglev trains work.

SCORE 1

RESPONSE 1

argue, united, states, maglev, trains

5 of 12 key words

I think the united states should start making more maglev trains and the reason is because they dont use so much energy neither gasoline which causes pollution in the ocean thats one reason but i have one more reason why i think they should make these type of trains and the reason is that people would acctually enjoy going to trains more and they would not be making sounds and its more advanced then some trains we have rigth now those are my reasons some people may argue or dissagree but thats why i think and want.

RESPONSE 2

united, states, maglev, trains, train

5 of 12 key words

I think the united states should keep the maglev trains the friction is greatly reduced the train is much faster, smoother & the friction is greatly reduced and the reason why i know this is because in the text it says " Maglev trains are some of the worlds fastest trains.

SCORE 2

RESPONSE 1

united, states, maglev, trains, train

5 of 12 key words

I think that the United States should have an investment in Maglev trains.

RESPONSE 2

united, states, maglev, trains, improving, train, systems, already, exist

9 of 12 key words

in the informatinal text "how maglev trains work" it talks about diffrent types of trains and the ups and downs that come with these trains.

SCORE 3

RESPONSE 1

states, maglev, trains, train

4 of 12 key words

Although diesel and electric-powered trains are cheaper, they use a whole lot of energy.

RESPONSE 2

united, states, maglev, trains, focus, improving, train, systems, already

9 of 12 key words

The United Sates should focus on improving the train systems we already have.

RESPONSE 3

united, states, invest, maglev, trains, train

6 of 12 key words

I belive that the United States should invest in Maglev trains.

SCORE 4

RESPONSE 1

states, invest, maglev, trains

4 of 12 key words

I think the U.S.

RESPONSE 2

united, states, invest, maglev, trains, train

6 of 12 key words

The United States should invest in maglev trains for many reason.

SCORE 5

RESPONSE 1

united, states, invest, maglev, trains, train

6 of 12 key words

Have you ever been on a train?

RESPONSE 2

united, states, invest, maglev, trains, train

6 of 12 key words

The United States should invest in Maglev trains because they are more efficient, better for the environment, and help the country grow technologically.

PROMPT WORDS BY SCORE

FIRST FIVE SENTENCES BY RESPONSE • STAAR ECR

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TEA PROMPT • SCORING GUIDE P. 8

Explain the **influence** of the **stage directions** on the **development** of a **character throughout** the **play**.

Bold words are the prompt key words (common stopwords removed). A cell word matched whole word, case does not matter, in that paper's first five sentences.

SCORE 0

RESPONSE 1

stage, directions, play

3 of 8 key words

Through out the play or any play in general, the stage directions get either more complex or easier.

RESPONSE 2

development, character, play

3 of 8 key words

As the play went on, the characters character development changed to be most positive.

SCORE 1

RESPONSE 1

stage, directions, play

3 of 8 key words

stage directions enthesize and help us undertand what the movment and expressions of the characters.

RESPONSE 2

stage, directions, development, character, throughout, play

6 of 8 key words

The stage directions on the development of a character throughout the play, is on how there mood changes how there tone sounds, An example is on Soledead on line 11 on how she was devestated that the drawing submission wass earlier that morning, then she checked the 5 contestents on who got drawed to the free throw and she seen kevin (Alejandro friend) Name on the list, now she had hope.

SCORE 2

RESPONSE 1

stage, directions, character, play

4 of 8 key words

The influence of the stage directions developes the main character through out the play by, making the character Kevin become more hard working.

RESPONSE 2

stage, directions, development

3 of 8 key words

The stage directions influence the development of soledad by showing her difentse form kevin and her detemantion to get the shows.

SCORE 3

RESPONSE 1

stage, directions, development, character, throughout, play

6 of 8 key words

In the play, "Winning", the influence of the stage direction help the development of the characters throughout the play by showing the emotions and personality of each character.

RESPONSE 2

stage, directions

2 of 8 key words

The stage directions influince Kevin by showing his emotions and having the reader make a mental image of the scene in their head.

RESPONSE 3

stage, character, play

3 of 8 key words

In the write i am going to talk about how stage direction developement of a character and how it shows us the little details about this character, Soledad is a charater in the play that enter her self into a compeptition to win new basketball shoes but in doing that things didnt go her way and we can see her reactions to thoughs event, for example when she wasnt one of the finalist to compete also when she got jelous and angery the the person who was chosen was clueless about something she want so bad than she realized that helping the person who was one of the finalist when in this play is to get what she needs.

SCORE 4

RESPONSE 1

stage, directions, character, play

4 of 8 key words

Stage directions are used often in this play.

RESPONSE 2

stage, directions, play

3 of 8 key words

The writer of the play "Winning" uses stage direction in order to effectively develope the three characters.

SCORE 5

RESPONSE 1

stage, directions, character

3 of 8 key words

The use of stage directions within Winning allows the reader to learn more about the characters' thoughts and feelings, along with their reactions to important pieces of information.

RESPONSE 2

stage, directions, throughout, play

4 of 8 key words

In the play Winning, Soledad, Alejandro's sister, enters a competition for a pair of basketball shoes.

PROMPT WORDS BY SCORE

FIRST FIVE SENTENCES BY RESPONSE • STAAR ECR

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TEA PROMPT • SCORING GUIDE P. 7

Describe how the **author uses language throughout** the **excerpt** to **build toward** the **encounter** with the **leopard** in **paragraph 19**.

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SCORE 0

RESPONSE 1

author, uses, excerpt, leopard

4 of 12 key words

The author uses langueage throught the excerpt by building suspence and showingt the birds that led him to the leopard again.

RESPONSE 2

author, encounter, leopard

3 of 12 key words

The author speaks on how the animals treat him.

SCORE 1

RESPONSE 1

author, uses, excerpt, encounter, leopard, paragraph, 19

7 of 12 key words

The author uses strong leguage and intense leguage throught the excerpt to buld twords the encounter with the leapord in paragrph 19.

RESPONSE 2

author, language, encounter, leopard, paragraph, 19

6 of 12 key words

Have you ever had a encounter wuthe a leopard?

SCORE 2

RESPONSE 1

author, uses, language, throughout, excerpt, build, toward, encounter, leopard, paragraph, 19

11 of 12 key words

The author uses language throughout the excerpt to build toward the encounter with the leopard in paragraph 19 to add tone and mood to the text.

RESPONSE 2

author, uses, language, throughout, build, encounter, leopard

7 of 12 key words

In the Excert "The Leopard" a guy moved back to the Himalayas after being in the city the animals soon become a accustom to him.

SCORE 3

RESPONSE 1

author, uses, language, excerpt, build, leopard

6 of 12 key words

In excerpts and liturature, authors use different types of laungauge.

RESPONSE 2

author, uses, language, throughout, leopard

5 of 12 key words

The author uses the language throughout the story to bulid up the leopard encouter through the animal noises and the author actions.

RESPONSE 3

author, uses, language, excerpt, build, encounter, paragraph

7 of 12 key words

In the excerpt, the author uses the language eerie and forshadowing to build a creating of suspense in the story, with the encounter of the lepord.

SCORE 4

RESPONSE 1

describe, author, uses, language, throughout, excerpt, build, encounter, leopard, paragraph, 19

11 of 12 key words

The author uses language throughout the excerpt to build towards the encounter with the leopard in paragraph 19 using strong imagery as well as similes to describe the events leading up to the encounter.

RESPONSE 2

author, uses, language, leopard

4 of 12 key words

In the story,from The Leopard, by Ruskin Bond, the author uses such thrilling language when leading up the main event.

SCORE 5

RESPONSE 1

author, uses, language, throughout, excerpt, build, toward, encounter, leopard, paragraph, 19

11 of 12 key words

Every author has their own way of building up to the climax of the plot.

RESPONSE 2

describe, author, uses, language, excerpt, build, encounter, leopard, paragraph, 19

10 of 12 key words

Language is an extremely powerful tool.