# STAAR Short Answer Single Selection & Crossover



- Answer the prompt.
- Prove by using textual evidence.
- Explain your answer.



#### Answer

- A stands for answer the question.
- Before we answer the question, we must RESTATE the question that is asked...
- For example, how did Jackie Robinson demonstrate the trait of perseverance?



## Restate the Question

- To restate the question we use the same words in the question to form a sentence, including the genre, title, and author.
- Example: How did Jackie Robinson demonstrate the trait of perseverance?
- In the novel, 42: The Jackie Robinson Story,
  Aaron Rosenberg reveals that Jackie Robinson demonstrated the trait of perseverance by...

#### Answer

In the novel, 42: The Jackie Robinson Story,
 Aaron Rosenberg reveals that Jackie
 Robinson demonstrated the trait of perseverance by not quitting the baseball team despite the discrimination he faced.

After restating- we must add our answer.



#### Prove

- After we answer the question, we must PROVE our answer by finding a DIRECT SENTENCE from the story to show support and introduce it with a signal phrase (You will find a minimum of 2 sentences).
  - The author states...
  - The character implies...
  - The idea of consequences is enhanced when Johnny...
- You MUST put quotation marks around your proof because you are borrowing words from the author that are not your own.



## Signal Phrases

Acknowledges	Adds	Admits
Addresses	Argues	Asserts
Believes	Claims	Refutes
Disproves	Confirms	Illustrates
Implies	Emphasizes	States
Points out	Suggests	Responds
Reports	Rejects	Compares
Denies	Disputes	Endorses

## Prove

In the novel, 42: The Jackie Robinson Story, Aaron Rosenberg reveals that Jackie Robinson demonstrated the trait of perseverance by not quitting the baseball team despite the discrimination he faced.

■ The author states, "At every game he had to put up with abuse from the stands, but something inside him would not let him give up."

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## **Explain**

- Explaining your answer is a SIMPLE and DIRECT ONE sentence conclusion to your answer.
- Do NOT introduce any new information in your conclusion statement.
- Do not make your explanation more than one sentence!
- Keep it simple! Stay on the main topic!



## **Explanation**

- (A) In the novel, 42: The Jackie Robinson Story, Aaron Rosenberg reveals that Jackie Robinson demonstrated the trait of perseverance by not quitting the baseball team despite the discrimination he faced.
- (P) The author states, "At every game he had to put up with abuse from the stands, but something inside him would not let him give up."
- (E) Jackie Robinson showed perseverance because he continued playing even when people were cruel to him.

## Crossover

There will be one question on your test that will ask one question about BOTH stories, and this is called a crossover question.

Crossover questions will still use APE, just in a different way.



## Crossover Layout

- Answer the question referencing both pieces
- Prove- story 1
- Explain
- Prove story 2
- Explain- tie both story 1 and story 2 together.



## TIPS for Crossover

- Focus on ONE story at a time.
- Answer the question for each story individually.
- Provide ONE explanation sentence at the END that ties BOTH answers together.



## Wrap-Up

For the crossover section make sure to...

- ■Focus on one story at a time.
- ■Answer and prove your answer for each story.
- ■Give ONE explanation to tie the answers together.
- ■Keep it short, simple, to the point. ☺

