



PARCC Paper Practice Test Answer and Alignment Document
ELA/Literacy: Grade 9

Unit 1		
Items 1-7		
Task: Literary Analysis (LAT)		
Passage 1: "Departure" by Sherwood Anderson		
Item Number	Answer(s)	Standards Alignment
1	Item Type: EBSR Part A: B Part B: D	RL1, RL4
2	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: C, D	RL1, RL3
3	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: D, F	RL1, RL2
Passage 2: from "Up the Coolly" by Hamlin Garland		
4	Item Type: EBSR Part A: C Part B: D	RL1, RL4
5	Item Type: EBSR Part A: D Part B: B, F	RL1, RL3
Passage 1: "Departure" by Sherwood Anderson and Passage 2: from "Up the Coolly" by Hamlin Garland		
6	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: A, D	RL1, RL2
7	Item Type: PCR Refer to Grade 6-11 Scoring Rubric	RL1, RL5
Items 8-13		
Passage Type: Informational M-L		
Passage: "The Signers of the Declaration: Historical Background" from the National Park Service		
8	Item Type: EBSR Part A: C Part B: D	RI1; RH2
9	Item Type: EBSR Part A: D Part B: B	RI1; RH4
10	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: D, E	RI1; RI2
11	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: D	RI1; RI2

12	Item Type: EBSR Part A: B Part B: D	RI1; RH5
13	Item Type: EBSR Part A: C Part B: B	RI1; RI2; RH5

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Unit 2		
Items 1-9		
Task: Research Simulation (RST)		
Passage 1: from “Speech to the Association of Los Alamos Scientists” by Robert Oppenheimer		
Item Number	Answer(s)	Standards Alignment
1	Item Type: EBSR Part A: C Part B: D	RI1, RI4
2	Item Type: EBSR Part A: B Part B: C	RI1; RH5
3	Item Type: EBSR Part A: D Part B: B	RI1; RH8
Passage 2: “A Petition to the President of the United States”		
4	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: D	RI1; RI4
5	Item Type: EBSR Part A: C Part B: D	RI1; RH2
Passage 1: from “Speech to the Association of Los Alamos Scientists” by Robert Oppenheimer and Passage 2: “A Petition to the President of the United States”		
6	Item Type: EBSR Part A: D Part B: C	RI1; RH6
7	Item Type: EBSR Part A: C Part B: C, F	RI1; RI6
Passage 3: “The Decision to Drop the Bomb” (ushistory.org)		
8	Item Type: EBSR Part A: B Part B: A	RI1; RI4
Passage 1: from Robert Oppenheimer Speech to the Association of Los Alamos Scientists by Robert Oppenheimer; Passage 2: “A Petition to the President of the United States”; Passage 3: “The Decision to Drop the Bomb” by ushistory.org		
9	Item Type: PCR Refer to Grade 6–11 Scoring Rubric	RI1; RH8; RH9; W2; W4–10
Items 10-13		
Passage Type: Literary S-M		
Passage: “An Uncomfortable Bed” by Guy de Maupassant		
10	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: C	RL1; RL5; RL6
11	Item Type: EBSR Part A: D Part B: C	RL1; RL3
12	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: C	RL1; RL4
13	Item Type: EBSR Part A: B Part B: D	RL1; RL2

Unit 3		
Items 1-5		
Task: Narrative Writing (NWT)		
Passage: from <i>Bleak House</i> by Charles Dickens		
1	Item Type: EBSR Part A: C Part B: C	RL1; RL3
2	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: C	RL1; L4
3	Item Type: EBSR Part A: C Part B: A	RL1; RL3
4	Item Type: EBSR Part A: B Part B: C and D	RL1; RL2
5	Item Type: PCR Refer to Grade 6-11 Scoring Rubric	W3-10
Items: 6-11		
Passage Type: Informational Pair Passage Set		
Passage 1: from <i>The Innocents Abroad</i> by Mark Twain		
6	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: B	RI1; RI4
7	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: C	RI1; RI2
8	Item Type: EBSR Part A: B Part B: B	RI1; RI2
Passage 2: from "The Importance of Elsewhere" by Paul Theroux		
9	Item Type: EBSR Part A: D Part B: A	RI1; RI5
10	Item Type: EBSR Part A: B Part B: A, D	RI1; RI5
11	Item Type: EBSR Part A: D Part B: A, D	RI1; RI2