

SAMPLE READING CONSTRUCTED RESPONSES
MEAP FALL 2005 RELEASED TEXTS

Grade 3: Whales

List three facts from the selection that tell how whales breathe.
Use three details to describe whale blowholes.
What are three ways whales are like other mammals?

Grade 4: Alvin Ailey, Modern Dancer

List three details that show that Alvin Ailey worked hard to achieve his dream.
Describe Alvin Ailey using three details from the selection.
What are three things Alvin Ailey did to achieve his dream?

Grade 5: Picture Puzzle Piece

List three ways the poet uses repetition in this poem.
What are three things the poet imagines the puzzle piece could be?
What are three things the poet did in this poem to appeal to the readers?

Grade 6: Sarah Bagley, Fighter for Rights

List three ways that Sarah Bagley showed she was determined.
Describe three ways that Sarah Bagley acted like a leader.
Choose one word to describe Sarah Bagley. Give two details from the text to support that description.

Grade 7: Sir Douglas Bader

List three reasons Douglas Bader could be called a hero.
Give three details from the text to show that Douglas Bader never gave up.
Use three details from the text to show how Douglas Bader made a difference for others.

Grade 8: King Alfred and the Cakes

List three details to show why King Alfred could be described as “Alfred the Great.”
Use three details to describe how King Alfred felt about being a king.
Choose one word to describe King Alfred. Use two details from the text to support your answer.

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Grade 3: Edible Jewels

List three things you will need to make sugar crystals.
List three steps in making sugar crystals.
What are three ways that crystals are described in this selection?

Grade 4: Nellie Bly

List three details to describe Nellie Bly's travels.
Describe Nellie Bly's writing career using three details from the selection.
Explain three ways that Nellie showed she was adventurous.

Grade 5: Under the Shade of a Tree

Use three details to describe the fisherman.
Describe the merchant using three details from the selection.
What are three ways the merchant and the fisherman are different?

Grade 6: Wild Ponies

Describe the ponies' habitat in three ways.
Describe the pony auction using three details from the selection.
Explain how the ponies live using three facts from the text.

Grade 7: Beth Rodden: Rock Climber

List three of Beth Rodden's hobbies.
Use three details from the text to tell how Beth Rodden prepares for a climb.
Describe Beth Rodden in three sentences.

Grade 8: Mysid Shrimp: Testing for Poisonous Garbage

Use three details to describe how the shrimp react after eating the garbage.
Describe mysid shrimp using three details from the text.
Explain how mysid shrimp are used to test poisonous garbage using three details from the selection.

**SAMPLE READING CONSTRUCTED RESPONSES
MEAP FALL 2007 RELEASED TEXTS**

Grade 3: Don't Bother Me!

Use three details from the selection to describe frogs.
Describe three things that frogs sometimes do to surprise predators.
What are three ways that frogs defend themselves?

Grade 4: Follow That Horse!

List three feelings Dan has about Cuddles.
Name three reasons Cuddles is a good choice to help Dan.
Describe Cuddles using three details from the selection.

Grade 5: All About Alligators

List three locations in which alligators can be found.
Describe alligators using three details from the selection.
Explain why alligators can be dangerous using three details from the selection.

Grade 6: How Bats "See" at Night

Do bats "see"? Give three details from the text to support your answer.
Describe echolocation using three details from the selection.
Explain how a bat's senses compare to those of humans using three details from the selection.

Grade 7: Alice Evans's Quest for Safe Milk

Describe Alice Evans using three details from the selection.
Choose one word to describe Alice Evans. Give two details from the text to support that description.
What are three reasons Alice Evans's research was not believed or accepted by others?

Grade 8: New Heights: The Courage of Alice Eastwood

Give three details to show how Alice Eastwood was courageous.
What are three ways to preserve plants?
What does the author do to show that Alice Eastwood was in danger after the earthquake?