

Paired Passages Grade 8 Staar

Acclaimed author Karen Hesse’s Newbery Medal-winning novel-in-verse explores the life of fourteen-year-old Billie Jo growing up in the dust bowls of Oklahoma.

Presents the text of Alice Walker’s story "Everyday Use"; contains background essays that provide insight into the story; and features a selection of critical response. Includes a chronology and an interview with the author.

Stern’s fifth grade students were bored with essay writing, and the one thing she needed to inspire them - great examples appropriate for kids - was nowhere to be found. Inspired by a challenge, Stern joined forces with her friend, social entrepreneu

In 1944, eighteen-year-old Bernadette "Byrd" Thompson realizes her dream of becoming an Air Force pilot when leaves her small Iowa town and travels to Sweetwater, Texas to join the Women Airforce Service Pilots.

Lewis and Clark and Me

Grade 4 Reading

Texas Test Prep Reading Workbook Staar Reading Grade 4

Barkitecture

SWYK on STAAR Reading Gr. 8, Student Workbook

In this poetic memoir, which won the Pura Belpré Author Award, was a YALSA Nonfiction Finalist, and was named a Walter Dean Myers Award Honoree, acclaimed author Margarita Engle tells of growing up as a child of two cultures during the Cold War. Margarita is a girl from two worlds. Her heart lies in Cuba, her mother’s tropical island country, a place so lush with vibrant life that it seems like a fairy tale kingdom. But most of the time she lives in Los Angeles, lonely in the noisy city and dreaming of the summers when she can take a plane through the enchanted air to her beloved island. Words and images are her constant companions, friendly and comforting when the children at school are not. Then a revolution breaks out in Cuba. Margarita fears for her far-away family. When the hostility between Cuba and the United States erupts at the Bay of Pigs Invasion, Margarita’s worlds collide in the worst way possible. How can the two countries she loves hate each other so much? And will she ever get to visit her beautiful island again?

Correlates with the Student Workbook; Reviews the assessed Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Reading; Provides correct answers and analyses for the Assessments; Correlation charts and skills charts help educators track students’ strengths and weaknesses with STAAR. Includes Practice Tutorial CD for use on screen or IWB.

Celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the Newbery Honor–winning survival novel Hatchet with a pocket-sized edition perfect for travelers to take along on their own adventures. This special anniversary edition includes a new introduction and commentary by author Gary Paulsen, pen-and-ink illustrations by Drew Willis, and a water resistant cover. Hatchet has also been nominated as one of America’s best-loved novels by PBS’s The Great American Read. Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson, haunted by his secret knowledge of his mother’s infidelity, is traveling by single-engine plane to visit his father for the first time since the divorce. When the plane crashes, killing the pilot, the sole survivor is Brian. He is alone in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but his clothing, a tattered windbreaker, and the hatchet his mother had given him as a present. At first consumed by despair and self-pity, Brian slowly learns survival skills—how to make a shelter for himself, how to hunt and fish and forage for food, how to make a fire—and even finds the courage to start over from scratch when a tornado ravages his campsite. When Brian is finally rescued after fifty-four days in the wild, he emerges from his ordeal with new patience and maturity, and a greater understanding of himself and his parents.

The poems included in this comprehensive anthology run the gamut of styles and themes, but all are by Latinos writing from the mid- twentieth century to the present. Some deal with issues specific to the Hispanic experience, such as displacement, identity and language. Others ponder universal concerns, such as love, family and humanity. In "Letter to Arturo," Mexican-American poet Lucha Corpi pens a song of love to her son: "You’ve hardly left / and already I miss the light / caress of your hands / on my hair, / and your laughter and your tears, / and all your questions / about seas, / moons and deserts. / And all my poems / are tying themselves together / in my throat."More than 60 Latino poets are represented in this wide-ranging collection that focuses on poetry from the four largest groups in the United States: Mexican Americans, Cuban Americans, Puerto Ricans and Dominican Americans.Included are distinguished poets such as Julia Álvarez, Gloria Anzaldúa, Jimmy Santiago Baca, Martín Espada and Pedro Pietri, as well as less well-known writers who deserve more recognition. Whether writing about timeless issues or themes specific to their community, the poets in this volume craft a multilayered look at what it means to be Latino in the United States. Looking Out, Looking In is an indispensable and welcome addition to American and Latino literatures.

Out of the Dust (Scholastic Gold)

Preparation for the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness

The Watsons Go to Birmingham--1963

Smiles to Go

Comprehension Passages

Help students learn to interact with texts in ways that prepare them for the STAAR Reading test while expanding their knowledge bases. By implementing this resource into instruction, students will sharpen their comprehension and critical-thinking skills to build the stamina necessary to succeed on the state test. Featuring TIME for Kids content, this resource offers high-interest informational texts, engaging literature passages, and poems. Questions are carefully crafted to guide students as they approach the texts and share their understanding. The practice exercises help students with skills such as making inferences and drawing conclusions, analyzing the development of ideas or characters, identifying author’s viewpoint, and identifying main idea, theme, and supporting details. This must-have resource is perfect to help promote the use of skills needed for success in the 21st century.

Seaman, Meriwether Lewis’s Newfoundland dog, describes Lewis and Clark’s expedition, which he accompanied from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean.

Comprehension Passages

A New Translation From The French By Marion Wiesel Born in Sighet, Transylvania, Elie Wiesel was a teenager when he and his family were taken from their home in 1944 and deported to the Auschwitz concentration camp, and then to Buchenwald. Night is the terrifying record of Elie Wiesel’s memories of the death of his family, the death of his own innocence, and his despair as a deeply observant Jew confronting the absolute evil of man. This new translation by his wife and most frequent translator, Marion Wiesel, corrects important details and presents the most accurate rendering in English of Elie Wiesel’s seminal work.

SWYK on STAAR Reading Gr. 8, Parent/Teacher Edition

Strategies That Work, 3rd Edition

Night

Playing the Field

Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir

Dyan Sheldon’s vain, melodramatic, and utterly lovable Lola will appeal to any young reader who has angled for acceptance. Mary Elizabeth Cep (or Lola, as she prefers to be called) longs to be in the spotlight. But when she moves to New Jersey with her family and becomes a student at Dellwood "Deadwood" High, Lola discovers that the role of resident drama queen is already filled--by the Born-to-Win, Born-to-Run-Everything Carla Santini. Carla has always gotten everything she wants-that is, until Lola comes along and snags the lead in the school play. Can Lola survive Carla’s attempts at retaliation? Will Lola and her best friend, Ella, find a way to crash their favorite band’s concert hall and farewell party in New York City--to which Carla has already gained entrance? And once the curtain goes up on the school play, which drama queen will take center stage?

"This workbook will introduce your child to grade four vocabulary and reading comprehension exercises in a step-by-step manner"--Cover [p. 1].

Describes the experiences of a newcomer to the Yukon when he attempts to hike through the snow to reach a mining claim.

Assess student knowledge of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Reading with two full-length Assessments for each subject. Questions provide students with the necessary practice needed to achieve academic success on STAAR. Chapters on test-taking strategies and test anxiety build students’ confidence and test-taking skills. Glossaries familiarize students with vocabulary terms and concepts found on state proficiency tests. Answers are provided in the Parent/Teacher Edition only.

Breakfast on Mars and 37 Other Delectable Essays

Everyday Use

TIME FOR KIDS® Practicing for STAAR Success: Reading: Grade 4

My Life in Briefs

To Build a Fire

Narrator Ann Marie paints pictures of family life from grief to hope after her father abandons his "four girls"--Ann Marie and her mother and twin and baby sisters.

Expand fifth grade students’ knowledge base and prepare them for the STAAR Reading test by incorporating these rigorous practice exercises into their daily routine. By implementing this resource into instruction, students will sharpen their comprehension and critical-thinking skills to build the stamina necessary to succeed on the state test. This resource offers high-interest informational texts, engaging literature passages, and poems. Questions are carefully crafted to guide students as they approach the texts and share their understanding. The practice exercises help students with skills such as making inferences and drawing conclusions, analyzing the development of ideas or characters, identifying main idea, theme, and supporting details. This must-have resource is perfect to help promote the use of skills needed for success in the 21st century.

Dual language education is a program that combines language minority and language majority students for instruction through two languages. This book provides the conceptual background for the program and discusses major implementation issues. Research findings summarize language proficiency and achievement outcomes from 8000 dual language students and parent attitudes.

I looked and saw water rushing in from Galveston Bay on one side and from the gulf on the other. The two seas met in the middle of Broadway, swirling over the wooden paving blocks, and I couldn’t help but shudder at the sight. All of Galveston appeared to be under water. Galveston, Texas, may be the booming city of the brand-new twent dream. He longs to be a carpenter like his father, but his family has moved to Galveston so he can go to a good school. Still, the last few weeks of summer might not be so bad. Seth has a real job as a builder and the beach is within walking distance. Things seem to be looking up, until a storm warning is raised one sweltering afternoon. M

Giant walls of water crash in from the sea. Shingles and bricks are deadly missiles flying through the air. People not hit by flying debris are swept away by rushing water. Forget the future, Seth and his family will be lucky to survive the next twenty-four hours. Dark Water Rising is a 2007 Bank Street - Best Children’s Book of the Year.

The Great Fire

A Narrative of the Old Trail Days

Grade 6

Dual Language Education

Hatchet

Living in a "perfect" world without social ills, a boy approaches the time when he will receive a life assignment from the Elders, but his selection leads him to a mysterious man known as the Giver, who reveals the dark secrets behind the utopian facade.

Long ago in Romania a prince dealt fairly with a lying merchant and an honest peasant.

In this new edition of their groundbreaking book Strategies That Work, Stephanie Harvey and Anne Goudvis share the work and thinking they’ve done since the second edition came out a decade ago and offer new perspectives on how to explicitly teach thinking strategies so that students become engaged, thoughtful, independent readers. Thirty new lessons and new and revised chapters shine a light on children’s thinking, curiosity, and questions. Steph and Anne tackle close reading, close listening, text complexity, and critical thinking in a new chapter on building knowledge through thinking-intensive reading and learning. Other fully revised chapters focus on digital reading, strategies for integrating comprehension and technology, and comprehension across the curriculum. The new edition is organized around three sections: Part I provides readers with a solid introduction to reading comprehension instruction, including the principles that guide practice, suggestions for text selection, and a review of recent research that underlies comprehension instruction. Part II contains lessons to put these principles into practice for all areas of reading comprehension. Part III shows you how to integrate comprehension instruction across the curriculum and the school day, particularly in science and social studies. Updated bibliographies, including the popular "Great Books for Teaching Content," are accessible online. Since the first publication of Strategies That Work, more than a million teachers have benefited from Steph and Anne’s practical advice on creating classrooms that are incubators for deep thought. This third edition is a must-have resource for a generation of new teachers--and a welcome refresher for those with dog-eared copies of this timeless guide to teaching comprehension.

Unlike most resources, this handy, portable study aid is not prepared exclusively for the Miller Analogy Test. Though it can certainly be used for it, this book prepares test takers for any standardized test containing word analogies, such as: SAT, GRE, GMAT, or LSAT. Often cited as a difficult section for even the best students, discover the best resource for word analogies practice, and no extras. Test-takers work with these questions and find out how to score better through practice. All answers are explained, reinforcing strategies and identifying tricks to figuring out the questions.

Spectrum Test Practice, Grade 8

Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen

The Giver

Airball

501 Word Analogy Questions

Briefly traces the history of the doghouse, and shows a variety of doghouses created by architects and designers, including period reproductions, modern designs, and fantasy structures

A high-school freshman who refuses to participate in the annual fund-raising chocolate sale is forced to defend his convictions.

These Leveled Comprehension Passages are the perfect way to follow-up learning after a whole group reading lesson. Use them in a variety of ways year after year!

"This workbook will introduce your child to grade six vocabulary and reading comprehension exercises in a step-by-step manner."--Cover.

The Most Dangerous Game

Stories from Grandma’s Attic

SAT Reading & Writing Prep

TIME FOR KIDS® Practicing for STAAR Success: Reading: Grade 5

What is stargazer, skateboarder, chess champ, pepperoni pizza eater, older brother, sister hater, best friend, first kisser, science geek, control freak Will Tuppence so afraid of in this great big universe? Jerry Spinelli knows.

A tour de force from acclaimed author Alan Gratz (Prisoner B-3087), this timely -- and timeless -- novel tells the powerful story of three different children seeking refuge. A New York Times bestseller!JOSEF is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of

concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world . . .ISABEL is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America . . .MAHMOUD is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe . . . All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end.This action-packed novel tackles topics both timely and timeless: courage, survival, and the quest for home.

The Great Fire of 1871 was one of most colossal disasters in American history. Overnight, the flourshing city of Chicago was transformed into a smoldering wasteland. The damage was so profound that few people believed the city could ever rise again.By weaving personal accounts of actual survivors together with the carefully researched history of Chicago and the disaster, Jim Murphy constructs a riveting narrative that recreates the event with drama and immediacy. And finally, he reveals how, even in a time of deepest dispair, the human spirit triumphed, as the people of Chicago found the courage and strength to build their city once again.

A collection of tales told by a grandmother about her childhood on a Michigan farm in the 1890's.

The Dishonest Merchant

Refugee

Texas Test Prep Reading Workbook Staar Reading Grade 3

Enchanted Air

Looking Out, Looking In

Kirby Nickel loves basketball. The only problem is he can't play basketball. But when an opportunity to meet NBA star Brett McGrew comes up, Kirby knows he has to take a chance and try out for the basketball team. Getting on the team turns out to be easy—the rest of the boys are as supremely untalented as Kirby—but winning in order to be eligible to meet McGrew is a whole different problem.

Different and embarrassing. The coach's radical new plan for success involves the boys playing in their underwear. But if this crazy idea works, Kirby will get to meet his hero—who he secretly also hopes is his long-lost father.

This workbook will develop the reading skills that Texas students need, while preparing students for the STAAR Reading test. It offers a simple and convenient system for ongoing reading practice, while being focused on building strong reading comprehension skills. Skill Development Made Simple - Provides 40 passages with questions divided into convenient sets - Short passages and question sets allow for easy 20-minute practice sessions - Develops and builds on all the TEKS reading skills needed - Easily integrates with student learning throughout the year Full Coverage of the TEKS Standards - Covers all the TEKS reading skills that are assessed on the state test - Includes literary texts, informational texts, and paired passages - Additional exercises focus on introducing and developing key TEKS skills - More rigorous tasks encourage deeper understanding and more advanced thinking - Full answer key lists the specific skill covered by each question Prepares Students for the STAAR Reading Test - Develops all the reading skills that are assessed on the STAAR Reading test - Strong skill development prepares students for more rigorous assessments - Students gain experience understanding, analyzing, and responding to passages - Provides practice answering questions like those found on the real test Key Benefits of this Workbook - Short passages and question sets build confidence - Ongoing practice develops strong reading comprehension skills - Reduces test anxiety by allowing low-stress practice - Allows for convenient revision and practice as the student learns - Provides experience with a range of passage types - Develops the skills students need to perform well on assessments

Kaplan's SAT Reading & Writing Prep provides the realistic practice, in-depth review, and expert advice you need to master the reading, writing, and essay sections of the SAT. Our guide includes focused quizzes, essay-writing tips, and score-raising strategies from Kaplan's top experts to help you face the test with confidence. The Best Review 16 comprehensive evidence-based reading and writing practice sets with detailed explanations 3 essay practice sets with sample essays More than 150 practice questions with expert explanations Strategies and tips on how to read passages efficiently so you can build speed and improve your score Techniques and methods to improve your writing skills and score higher on the essay Expert Guidance We know the test: Our Learning Engineers have put tens of thousands of hours into studying the SAT - using real data to design the most effective strategies and study plans. Kaplan's expert psychometricians make sure our practice questions and study materials are true to the test. We invented test prep--Kaplan (www.kaptest.com) has been helping students for almost 80 years, and more than 95% of our students get into their top-choice schools. Our proven strategies have helped legions of students achieve their dreams. The previous edition of this book was titled Kaplan Evidence-Based Reading, Writing, and Essay Workbook for the New SAT.

Offers reproducible double-sided sheets to help eighth grade students improve their language arts, reading, and math skills and prepare for standardized tests.

Dark Water Rising

Sketches from a Spy Tree

Covers All the Teks Skills Assessed on the Staar

Skies Over Sweetwater

Anthology of Latino Poetry

Thirteen-year old McKay is a talented baseball player, but as equally untalented when it comes to algebra. If he doesn't bring his grade up, his parents threaten to make him quit the team. His best friend Tony thinks the natural solution is for McKay to befriend Serena, a pretty girl in class, who also happens to get straight A's in algebra. Not only will that get McKay the tutor he desperately needs, but it will give Tony the chance to flirt with Serena's two best friends. Unfortunately, if McKay follows Tony's advice on how to "play the game," he might find himself in an even worse spot than when he was merely failing algebra. With a keen sense of wit, and more self-confidence than he gives himself credit for, McKay will keep readers alternately laughing and groaning as he is dragged kicking and screaming into the subtle (and often not so subtle) world of teen dating.

Celebrate the 25th anniversary of this Newbery and Coretta Scott King Honoree about a hilarious family on a road-trip at one of the most important times in America's history. This special edition makes a perfect gift and includes bonus content! Enter the hilarious world of ten-year-old Kenny and his family, the Weird Watsons of Flint, Michigan. There's Momma, Dad, little sister Joetta, and brother Byron, who's thirteen and an "official juvenile delinquent." When Byron gets to be too much trouble, they head South to Birmingham to visit Grandma, the one person who can shape him up. And they'll be in Birmingham during one of the darkest moments in America's history. "Every so often a book becomes a modern classic almost as soon as it arrives on bookshelves. That happened in the mid-'90s when Christopher Paul Curtis released his first book, *The Watsons Go to Birmingham--1963*." --NPR "One of the best novels EVER." --Jacqueline Woodson, Newbery Honor and National Book Award-winning author of *Brown Girl Dreaming*

♥♥ The Most Dangerous Game by Richard Connell ♥♥ The Most Dangerous Game, also published as *The Hounds of Zaroff*, is a short story by Richard Connell first published in *Collier's* magazine on January 19, 1924. It features a big-game hunter from New York who falls off a yacht and swims to an isolated island in the Caribbean where he is hunted by a Cossack aristocrat. The story is an adaptation of the big-game hunting safaris in Africa and South America that were fashionable among wealthy Americans in the 1920s. ♥♥ The Most Dangerous Game by Richard Connell ♥♥ Big-game hunter Sanger Rainsford and his friend, Whitney, are traveling to the Amazon rainforest for a jaguar hunt. After a discussion about how they are "the hunters" instead of "the hunted," Whitney goes to bed and Rainsford hears gunshots. He climbs onto the yacht's rail and accidentally falls overboard, swimming to Ship-Trap Island, which is notorious for shipwrecks. On the island, he finds a palatial chateau inhabited by two Cossacks: the owner, General Zaroff, and his gigantic deaf-mute servant, Ivan. ♥♥ The Most Dangerous Game by Richard Connell ♥♥ Zaroff, another big-game hunter, knows of Rainsford from his published account of hunting snow leopards in Tibet. Over dinner, the middle-aged Zaroff explains that although he has been hunting animals since he was a boy, he has decided that killing big-game has become boring for him, so after escaping the Russian Revolution he moved to Ship-Trap Island and set it up to trick ships into wrecking themselves on the jagged rocks that surround it. He takes the survivors captive and hunts them for sport, giving them food, clothing, a knife, and a three-hour head start, and using only a small-caliber pistol for himself. Any captives who can elude Zaroff, Ivan, and a pack of hunting dogs for three days are set free. He reveals that he has won every hunt to date. Captives are offered a choice between being hunted or turned over to Ivan, who once served as official knouter for The Great White Czar. Rainsford denounces the hunt as barbarism, but Zaroff replies by claiming that "life is for the strong." Realizing he has no way out, Rainsford reluctantly agrees to be hunted. During his head start, Rainsford lays an intricate trail in the forest and then climbs a tree. Zaroff finds him easily, but decides to play with him as a cat would with a mouse, standing underneath the tree Rainsford is hiding in, smoking a cigarette, and then abruptly departing. ♥♥ The Most Dangerous Game by Richard Connell ♥♥ After the failed attempt at eluding Zaroff, Rainsford builds a Malay man-catcher, a weighted log attached to a trigger. This contraption injures Zaroff's shoulder, causing him to return home for the night, but he shouts his respect for the trap before departing. The next day Rainsford creates a Burmese tiger pit, which kills one of Zaroff's hounds. He sacrifices his knife and ties it to a sapling to make another trap, which kills Ivan when he stumbles into it. To escape Zaroff and his approaching hounds, Rainsford dives off a cliff into the sea; Zaroff, disappointed at Rainsford's apparent suicide, returns home. Zaroff smokes a pipe by his fireplace, but two issues keep him from the peace of mind: the difficulty of replacing Ivan and the uncertainty of whether Rainsford perished in his dive.

A Dog's Tale

The Chocolate War

Reading

Teaching Comprehension for Engagement, Understanding, and Building Knowledge, Grades K-8

The Log of a Cowboy