

Common Core ELA Standards	Smarter Balanced Sample Questions/Tasks	WCCUSD Assessment Description
Reading for Literature and Informational Text: 8.1 Cite textual evidence to support analysis 8.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text	Highlight the parts of the text that provide evidence to support the idea that the _____ were _____. Highlight six sentences in the text that explain why _____ might be considered _____. Using details from the text, explain how a given sentence affects readers' understanding of _____.	Required Approximately 5 Reading for Literature/Informational Text questions: x Constructed response (short answer) x Selected response (multiple choice but could have more than one correct answer) x Highlight words/phrases/sentences
Language: 8.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multi-meaning words	Read the sentence from the text listed below on the left. Then draw a line to match the underlined word in each sentence to its closest definition on the right. One sentence in the paragraph below contains a grammar usage and/or punctuation error. Rewrite the incorrect sentence below, correcting the two errors	Required Approximately 10 Language questions: x Structures similarly to the SBAC sample question at left x Selected response x Highlighting
Speaking and Listening: 8.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions	The narrator claims that _____ do not have _____. Support this claim using two details from the presentation	Optional Formative Assessment: Students working in small groups (4-6) respond to the essential question of the module, or discuss key points of selection with questions structures similarly to the SBAC prompt.
Writing: 8.9 Draw evidence to support analysis	Practices SBAC grade level performance tasks for grades 6, 8 and 11 can be viewed at http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice (access through Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome browser). These tasks are comprised of multiple source documents followed by a few questions to help students gather/organize information from the sources and then a writing prompt.	Required The writing assessment prompt will follow up on the essential question of the module and require students to cite evidence from given primary and secondary sources. The writing task will be modeled after SBAC performance tasks and/or Literacy Design Collaborative (LDC) modules. (See http://www.literacydesigncollaborative.org for more information and example modules.)

N: Balanced question and a description of the writing task tied to the required semester 1 (first 2 quarters).