

Text-Dependent Analysis Practice

Informational & Literature

A New Weekend Tradition

Julian was extremely bored. It was a 1977 Saturday morning and Julian was sprawled out on his bed staring at the ceiling. With an exasperated sigh, he flipped over his bookshelf, but nothing caught his eye. He asked himself aloud, closing his eyes.

Just then, his boredom was interrupted. "Get dressed! We're going to the park!"

Julian's heart lifted with excitement. He always cheered him up. As quickly as he could, he pulled on his jeans, and shoved a fresh t-shirt and sneakers into the living room where his father was waiting.

"A picnic?!" he exclaimed in delight. He grabbed a picnic blanket and his father handed him a bag of snacks.

"Let's go!"

After a few minutes of waiting above the clouds, the sun peeked out from behind a mountain range.

"Whoa, that's beautiful!"

Nature's View

Don't you love the way nature makes you feel?
A bird singing in the trees,
Or spotting a white-tailed deer,
As if you've stepped into a fairytale.
If all, it's so wonderful,
The outdoor world is made for me with joy!
I love to see the flowers, colors,
And the sweet scents I enjoy.

"A New Weekend Tradition" and "Nature's View" have similar themes. Analyze how both the story and poem address the idea that nature makes you happier. Write a well-organized response using specific evidence from the story to support your answer.

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Underline the specific topic you'll be writing about.

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Checklist

Text-Dependent Analysis

- Read the prompt and text(s) carefully.
- Analyze the text accurately and thoroughly.
- Respond to all parts of the prompt.
- Use relevant and specific information from the text to support your response (details, examples, quotes, etc.).
- Organize your response with an introduction, body, and conclusion.
- Use transition words and precise vocabulary.
- Revise and edit your work carefully, checking for correct spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar.

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Underline key ideas



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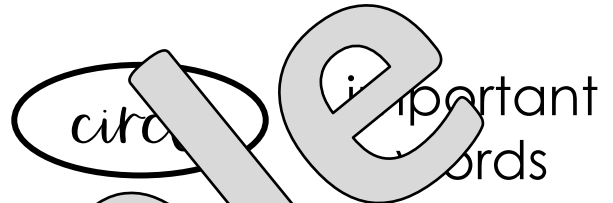
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Text-Dependent Analysis Rubric

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Analysis of Text	My response thoroughly addresses all parts of the prompt. I showed that I understand the text deeply by analyzing all key ideas from the text.	My response addresses all parts of the prompt. I showed that I understand the text by analyzing key ideas from the text.	My response addresses some parts of the prompt. I showed that I understand the text partially by analyzing some ideas from the text.	My response does not address the prompt. I showed that I understand the text only a little and didn't analyze any ideas from the text.
Use of Evidence	I used relevant and specific information from the text, including multiple details, examples, and quotes, to fully support my analysis.	I used relevant and specific information from the text, including details, examples, or quotes to support my analysis.	I used some information from the text, including details, examples, or quotes, but it may not support my analysis.	I used little or no evidence from the text, or it does not support my analysis very well.
Writing Skills	My ideas are clearly organized with an introduction, body, and conclusion using transitions. I chose precise, specific words to enhance my ideas. I edited my work so that there are few or no errors left.	My ideas are mostly organized with an introduction, body, and conclusion using transitions. I chose some precise, specific words to develop my ideas. I edited my work so that there are few errors left.	I tried to organize my ideas, but some ideas may be out of place. I used a few transitions or precise words to develop my ideas. I edited my work but left errors that may interfere with the meaning.	I did not organize my ideas. I used very few transitions or precise words to develop my ideas. I did not attempt to edit my work and left many errors that interfere with the meaning.

Sample



Task #1e

Text-Dependent Analysis: Literature

Sample



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A New Weekend Tradition

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Just then, his boredom was interrupted by the sound of his sister yelling, "Julian! Get dressed! We're going to the park!"

Julian's heart lifted with excitement and happiness. Spending time outdoors always cheered him up. As quick as a wink, he ditched his pajamas, pulled on jeans, and yanked a fresh t-shirt over his head. Then he hurried down the stairs and into the living room where his family was waiting.

"A picnic?!" he exclaimed in delight, noticing that his mother was holding a picnic blanket and his father had the picnic basket as his feet. "Let's go!" said his mother, opening the front door to let in the fresh spring breeze and sunshine.

After a short drive, they arrived at the park and began hiking down a shady trail lined with wildflowers. A soft cool breeze rustled the leaves and birds chirped cheerfully above.

"What made you decide to come to the park today?" asked Julian.

"Well, your mother is a little stressed out by a work project, and I thought some time in nature would be good for her," his father answered.



Nature's View

Don't you love to hear
A bird singing in its nest?
Or spot a white-tailed deer
As it bounds into the forest?

I love it all, it's so wonderful.
The outdoor world fills me with such joy!
I love to see the flowers, colorful,
And their sweet scents I enjoy.

The moon's soft glow,
The sun's bright light,
The freshly fallen snow,
All make me feel just right.

To be in nature gives you a sense,
Is one of life's great pleasures.
For the great sky stretching out so wide,
Is something that always treasure.

When I'm sad or feeling blue,
I know how to fill myself with cheer.
I turn my head to nature's view,
And a smile is always near.

The fluttering, fluttering butterfly
The fresh, gentle breeze
The trickle of a stream nearby
Sun shining through the trees.

Every morning I open the door
With an eagerness to see,
What beauty nature has in store!
Every sight fills me with great glee!



Brainstorm

“A New Weekend Tradition” and “Nature’s View” have similar themes. Analyze how both the story and poem address the idea that nature makes you happier. Write a well-organized response using specific evidence from both texts to support your answer.

Evidence from the Text(s)	My Elaborations and Thoughts (Analysis)

Sample



Name: _____

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Task #1e

Text-Dependent Analysis: Informational

Sample



Analyze the Prompt

“The Story of Printmaking” tells about an invention from long ago. Explain how the printing press revolutionized book-making, helped spread information faster, and better educated the world. Write a well-organized response using specific evidence from the passage to support your answer.

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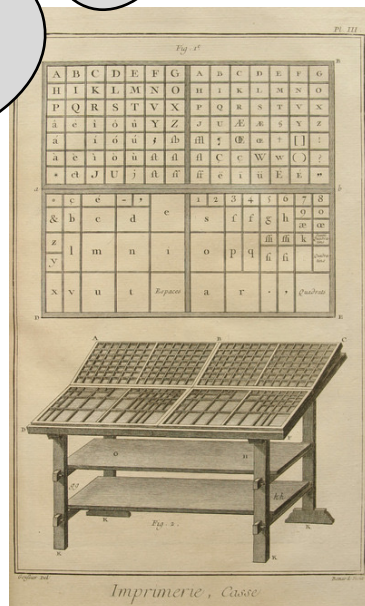


The Story of Printmaking

Can you imagine life before you could print anything? If you wanted a copy of a book, someone would have to write it out by hand! Sharing information and ideas was hard back then. However, the invention of the printing press changed everything.

From ancient China, the world's very first printing presses were very different from the printers you know today. They were huge, heavy machines that had many different letters that had to be moved around to write words. Once one page was complete, many copies of that page were made. Then the printer would move the letters around again to make a new page of text. Yet, compared to writing down texts by hand, even these early printing presses made it much easier to print books.

Eventually, a more updated printing press was invented in Europe by Johannes Gutenberg. His printing press was called the Gutenberg press, and it was first invented around 1450. He also created his own ink that would stick to the metal letter stamps!



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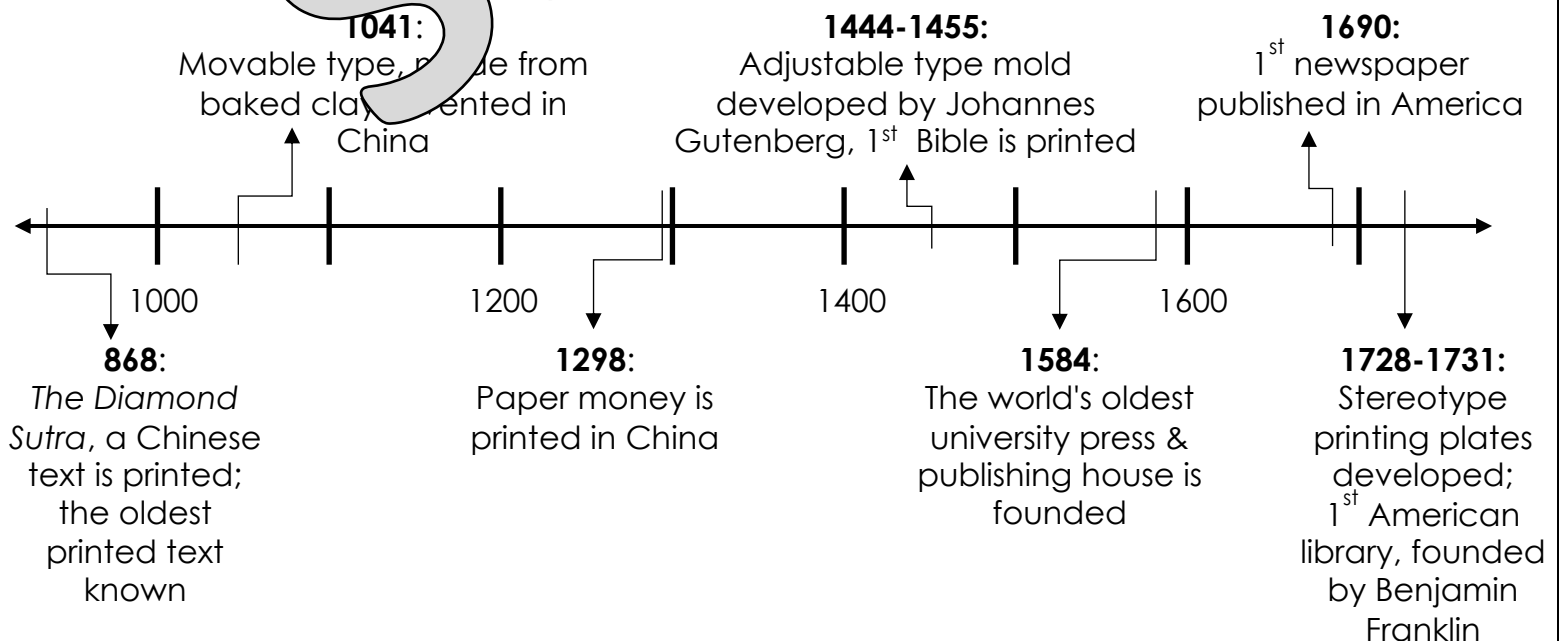
After the development of Gutenberg's printing press, people began to think of new ways to use it. Many important books, like the Bible, were the first texts to be printed on Gutenberg's press. Later, people also made news pamphlets. They sold these to sailors who carried them to far away lands. In this way, the printing press made it much easier for people to find out about events, such as wars, that were happening in other places in the world.

The printing press also made it much more affordable to own books. Before the printing press, buying a house cost as much as it did to buy a book. Now, books were cheaper. It didn't take as much time and effort to make copies. So, many more people could buy books. This meant that important information about science, philosophy, and medicine could be spread to more people. People could buy books to use to teach their children, and schools could have multiple copies of a book.

Thanks to the printing press, people were also able to keep a record of events. People even created newspapers. This record of historic events in print helps give us a more complete understanding of history.

Without the printing press, our world would certainly be very different. The printing press spread news, transformed education, and gave us clues to understand history. The printing press really did change the world.

History of Printing





Brainstorm

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Examples

Samples

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Have you ever noticed how spending time outside can boost your spirits? For most people, taking a walk or enjoying an afternoon at the park improves your mood. Both the story “A New Weekend Tradition” and the poem “Nature’s View” deal with the theme that nature makes you happier. Throughout the story and the poem, readers can find evidence of this theme in the characters’ feelings, dialogue, and actions.

To begin with, at the beginning of the story “A New Weekend Tradition,” Julian is feeling bored and exasperated because he doesn’t have anything to do. However, as soon as his sister tells him they are going to the park, “Julian’s head lifted with excitement and happiness.” This shows that just the idea of spending time outside made Julian feel happier. Similarly, in the poem, the narrator explains that when he is feeling sad, one way he cheers himself up is by looking at nature. “When I’m sad, feeling blue, I know how to fill myself with cheer. I turn my head to nature’s view, and a smile is always near.” The authors of the story and the poem clearly show the theme through the way nature changes the characters’ feelings.

Additionally, the theme is shown through the characters’ dialogue. In the story, Julian’s father states, “Well, your mother is a little stressed out by a work project, and I thought some time in nature would be good for her.” He thinks that Julian’s mom would feel less stressed if she goes to the park. After they spend the afternoon at the park, Julian’s mom says, “It seems like nature’s cheered all of us up!” So, you can tell that she felt less stressed by the time they got home.

Finally, the theme is demonstrated in the actions of the characters. At the end of the story, Julian and his family decide that they should come to the park every weekend. The reason they want to make it a tradition is because of how being in nature made them feel “completely at peace and happy.” Also, at the end of the poem the narrator explains, “Every morning I open the door, With an eagerness to see, What beauty nature has in store!” Based on this quote, you can tell that the narrator has a habit of going outside every day because he wants to see the beauty of nature. You can infer that his daily time outside makes him feel joyful.

In conclusion, there are many examples from both the story and the poem that clearly support the theme of nature making you happier. Through the feelings, dialogue, and action of the characters, this theme is evident. So, the next time you are feeling a little down, consider stepping outside to enjoy the beautiful scenes nature has to offer.

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Have you ever noticed how spending time outside can make you feel better? For most people, taking a walk or enjoying an afternoon at the park improves your mood. Both the story “A New Weekend Tradition” and the poem “Nature’s View” deal with the theme that nature makes you happier. In the story and the poem, there is lots of evidence of this theme in the characters’ feelings, dialogue, and actions.

At the beginning of the story A New Weekend Tradition, Julian is feeling bored and exasperated because he doesn’t have anything to do. However, when his sister tells him they are going to the park, “Julian’s heart lifted with excitement and happiness.” Just the idea of spending time outside made Julian feel happier. Also, in the poem, the narrator says that when he is feeling sad, he likes to look out at nature. “When I’m sad or feeling blue, I know how to fill myself with cheer. I turn my head to nature’s view, And a smile is always near.”

Additionally, the characters’ dialogue shows the theme. Julian’s father says, “Well, your mother is a little stressed out by her project and I thought some time in nature would be good for her.” After they spend the afternoon at the park, Julian’s mom feels less stressed. So being in nature cheered her up.

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There are many examples from both the story and the poem that support the theme of nature making you happier. Through the feelings, dialogue, and action of the characters, you can see this theme. So, the next time you are feeling bad consider going outside to enjoy the beautiful scenes of nature.

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Spending time outside makes you feel better. In the story A New Weekend Tradition and the poem Nature’s View they feel better when they go outside. So that’s the theme.

At the beginning of the story Julian is bored he doesn’t have anything to do. Then his sister tells him they are going to the park so he starts to feel better. They go hiking and have a picnic. After they spend the afternoon at the park, Julian feels less stressed. So being in nature cheered her up.

At the end of the story, Julian and his family decide that they should come to the park every weekend. Because it makes them feel happy. “I enjoyed a scrumptious picnic lunch of sandwiches, fruit salad, lemonade, and cookies” they saw a family of ducks at the river too.

However, nature is making you happier. The story says “Julian’s heart lifted with excitement and happiness.” This is obvious in the story and also in the poem. And the characters were happy. If you’re feeling bad go outside!

Sample

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The story and the poem have the same theme about nature. I know when I am not feeling good and then I go to the park I usually feel better And it always cheers me up.

At the beginning of the story Julian is bored he doesn't have anything to do. Then his sister tells him they are going to the park so he starts to feel better. Then they go hiking and have a picnic. After the afternoon at the park, Julians mom feels less stressed. My mom gets stressed alot too but she doesn't usually go to the park.

Now you know that Julian and his family decided that they should come to the park every weekend. The evidence is “They enjoyed a scrumptious picnic (lunch) of sandwiches fruit salad lemonade and brownies” They saw a family of ducks at the river too.

This is obviously a good theme in the story and the poem. And the charcters really liked going to the park.

Sample