

Sample Constructed Response and Performance Task Questions

Elementary

Read a biography of Amelia Earhart and respond to the following prompt:

Write a summary of key events that led to Amelia Earhart becoming a famous pilot. Use details from the passage in your summary to support your answer.

Write a short story (historical fiction) from the point of view of Honus Wagner after watching a video, reading a literary piece, and reading a biography of Honus Wagner.

Middle

Read an article and watch a video on historical fiction, read excerpts from *A Band of Angels* and *Red Badge of Courage*. Write a historical narrative.

Read an excerpt of Joy Hakim's *A History of US* on *Marbury v. Madison* and respond to the following question:

What was Joy Hakim's opinion of the Supreme Court's decision in the *Marbury v. Madison* case? What did Hakim write to lead you to your conclusion?

High

Read an excerpt from *Lincoln: His Own President* and respond to the following prompt:

Summarize the main point the passage makes about Lincoln's motivations for selecting his cabinet members. Support your summary with details from the text.

Read John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address and respond to the following prompt:

In Paragraph 5, President Kennedy states "those who foolish sought power by riding the back of the tiger ended up inside." Analyze what Kennedy means and how this metaphor.