



Flex Book
Reading WASL Practice

STUDENT PACKET





Flex Book
Workshop One: Eyes on the Graduation Prize
Reading WASL Practice

NAME: _____ CLASS: _____ DATE: _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE: “America’s Dropout Crisis”

1. What is the meaning of the word *accomplish* on page 10, paragraph 4, of the selection? [IC14]

- ☐ A. Understand
- ☐ B. Change
- ☐ C. Extend
- ☐ D. Achieve



MULTIPLE CHOICE: “America’s Dropout Crisis”

2. Which sentence from the selection is an opinion? [IT18]

- ☐ A. “Dropouts are more likely to have low-paying jobs or be unemployed.”
- ☐ B. “The reality is, a high school diploma is a prize worth pursuing.”
- ☐ C. “Some drop out because they’re caught in a cycle of failure.”
- ☐ D. “Another disturbing statistic is that non-graduates are 3.5 times more likely to be jailed than graduates.”



MULTIPLE CHOICE: “Living in the Success Zone”

3. After reading this selection, which generalization can the reader make about struggling readers? [IT20]

- ☐ A. A supportive environment can improve a student’s reading ability.
- ☐ B. Involvement in sports can improve a student’s grades and test scores.
- ☐ C. Developing an interest in reading can lead to early graduation.
- ☐ D. Colleges give preference to students who have overcome failure.



SHORT ANSWER: “Living in the Success Zone”

4. What are **two** similarities between Tabitha and Jovorskie? Include information from the selection in your answer. [LA06]
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EXTENDED RESPONSE: “The Pact”

5. What **four** pieces of advice would the author of “The Pact” give about pursuing a goal? Provide information from the selection in your answer. [LT10]
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Flex Book
Workshop Two: Tsunami: Disaster of the Century
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NAME: _____ CLASS: _____ DATE: _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE: “Waves of Destruction”

1. Why does the tsunami occur? [IA17]

- ☐ A. Waves destroyed villages because of earthquakes at the ocean’s surface.
- ☐ B. Water traveling towards shore moved the earth’s crust upward.
- ☐ C. As a result of an earthquake, a large amount of water moved toward land.
- ☐ D. Due to a shift in the ocean, an earthquake shook vast areas.



MULTIPLE CHOICE: “Terror and Tragedy”

2. Based on the information in the selection, what inference can the reader make about why Latha will not return to school? [LC03]

- ☐ A. Latha will care for the tsunami victims at the hospital.
- ☐ B. Latha will take care of the children in the village.
- ☐ C. Latha will help in the tsunami relief effort.
- ☐ D. Latha will become a mother to her siblings.



MULTIPLE CHOICE: “Relief + Recovery”

3. What is the purpose of the map on page 43? [IA15]

- ☐ A. The map shows the distance and time it took for the tsunami to reach cities and towns.
- ☐ B. The map shows the land masses located near the Indian Ocean.
- ☐ C. The map shows the location of the earthquake’s epicenter and direction it travelled.
- ☐ D. The map shows the cities impacted by the tsunami.



SHORT ANSWER: “Terror and Tragedy”

4. Any of these titles could be another title for the selection. Choose the title you think best fits the selection.

**Family Matters
Survival
The Day of the Wave**

Provide **two** details from the selection to support your choice. [LC01]

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EXTENDED RESPONSE: “Relief + Recovery”

5. What problem do tsunami victims experience in the selection? What are **three** events that contribute to the resolution of the problem? Include information from the selection in your answer. [IA17]

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Flex Book
Workshop Three: Long Journey to Justice
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MULTIPLE CHOICE: “Diamond Land”

1. Why does Ayize decide to work in the diamond mines? [LA07]

- ☐ A. Ayize needed money to replace the lost cows.
- ☐ B. Ayize wanted to impress his bride-to-be.
- ☐ C. Ayize dreamed of going to America.
- ☐ D. Ayize planned to go back to school.



MULTIPLE CHOICE: “Diamond Land”

2. On page 64, paragraph 8, of the story, why does the author include foreshadowing? [LT08]

- ☐ A. To make the reader believe that Ayize will have a better experience than others in the mines.
- ☐ B. To make the reader think that the soldiers are the true danger in the mines.
- ☐ C. To make the reader aware that Ayize or someone he knows will be hurt in the mines.
- ☐ D. To make the reader see that the truck driver cared about Ayize and his situation.



MULTIPLE CHOICE: “Nelson Mandela: In His Own Words”

3. Which word could the author have used on page 75, paragraph 15, instead of *oppression*? [LC04]

- ☐ A. Persistence
- ☐ B. Cruelty
- ☐ C. Extension
- ☐ D. Hopefulness



SHORT ANSWER: “Diamond Land”

4. What is the theme of the story “Diamond Land?” Support your answer with **one** example from the story. [LC01]



EXTENDED RESPONSE: “Diamond Land”

5. What **four** pieces of advice would Ayize give about working in the mines? Provide information from the story in your answer. [LT10]



Flex Book
Workshop Four: Crime Lab Science
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MULTIPLE CHOICE: “Welcome to the Crime Lab”

1. How are the pathologists and the forensic biologists in the selection similar? [IA16]

- ☐ A. They both dissect internal organs and tissue samples.
- ☐ B. They both test for substances found in victims' bodies.
- ☐ C. They both examine genetic information to help solve crimes.
- ☐ D. They both analyze forensic evidence found in crime scenes.



MULTIPLE CHOICE: “Body of Evidence”

2. What is the purpose of the time line at the bottom of pages 92, 93, and 94? [IA15]

- ☐ A. The time line shows how pathologists determine the time of death.
- ☐ B. The time line shows the steps leading to Jane's arrest.
- ☐ C. The time line shows the events leading up to the missing person's report.
- ☐ D. The time line shows that Jane was convicted of first-degree murder.



MULTIPLE CHOICE: “DNA Analysis: The Key to Solving Crimes”

3. Based on the information in the selection, what is the most important concept the author presents? [IT19]

- ☐ A. DNA analysis is an accurate way to identify people involved in a crime.
- ☐ B. DNA analysis allows forensic scientists to observe and study cell patterns.
- ☐ C. DNA analysis provides key genetic information about parents and children.
- ☐ D. DNA analysis is stored in a nationwide comprehensive computer database.



SHORT ANSWER: “DNA Analysis: The Key to Solving Crimes”

4. Write a summary of the process of collecting and identifying DNA. Include **three** important ideas from the selection in your summary. [IC12]



EXTENDED RESPONSE: “Body of Evidence”

5. What is the author’s purpose for writing the selection? Provide **three** details from the selection to support your answer. [IT18]



Flex Book
Workshop Five: Wired for Trouble
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NAME: _____ CLASS: _____ DATE: _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE: “Should Schools Ban Cell Phones”

1. What is most likely the author’s purpose for writing this selection? [IT18]

- ☐ A. To persuade the reader that phones are necessary for students to have in school.
- ☐ B. To describe to the reader the importance of having cell phones in case of emergencies in school.
- ☐ C. To explain to the reader how cell phones interrupt the learning environment in school.
- ☐ D. To inform the reader that there are multiple perspectives on cell phone use in schools.



MULTIPLE CHOICE: “Cyberbullies”

2. Based on the selection, which sentence explains why teens are most likely to bully online? [IC13]

- ☐ A. Teens have access to computers and cell phones.
- ☐ B. Teens accept bullying as a way to interact with each other.
- ☐ C. Teens can go undetected and not be identified as the bully.
- ☐ D. Teens make friends by sticking together and harassing others.



MULTIPLE CHOICE: “Trouble at Your Fingertips”

3. Which sentence summarizes the selection? [IC12]

- ☐ A. Students call parents and friends to find information, soon overuse their phone minutes, and are afraid to disconnect.
- ☐ B. Students multitask while on the computer, send text messages during class, and surf the internet or watch TV while studying.
- ☐ C. Students are easily frustrated when they can’t get an answer right away, have short attention spans, and are unable to stay on task.
- ☐ D. Students spend a lot of time online, soon are unable to think for themselves, and then lose their perspective on school.



SHORT ANSWER: “Cyberbullies” and “Trouble at Your Fingertips”

4. The author of the selection “Trouble at Your Fingertips” states, “Recently, a survey of more than 1,000 students ages 12 to 17 revealed the negative aspects of teens’ love of technology.” Provide **two** examples from the selection “Cyberbullies” that show the negative aspects of teens’ love technology. [IA16]



EXTENDED RESPONSE: “Trouble at Your Fingertips”

5. What is the author’s purpose for writing the selection? Provide **three** details from the selection to support your answer. [IT18]



Flex Book
Workshop Six: Facing the Elements
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MULTIPLE CHOICE: “To Build a Fire”

1. What is the theme of the story? [LC01]

- ☐ A. Persistence in dangerous situations leads to survival.
- ☐ B. Desperate situations call for imaginative solutions.
- ☐ C. Man needs to respect the forces of nature.
- ☐ D. Listen to your own advice, rather than the advice of others.



MULTIPLE CHOICE: “To Build a Fire”

2. How are the man and the dog in the selection similar? [LA06]

- ☐ A. Both knew to follow one another.
- ☐ B. Both recognized they needed a fire to stay warm.
- ☐ C. Both were aware of the dangerous temperatures.
- ☐ D. Both fell into the traps of hidden pools.



MULTIPLE CHOICE: from “Staying Alive”

3. Which statement is the most important conclusion the reader can draw from the selection? [LT09]

- ☐ A. Information increases your chances of survival.
- ☐ B. It’s easy to learn from life’s challenges.
- ☐ C. Help can be found without much time or effort.
- ☐ D. Ignoring certain signals can lead to safety.



SHORT ANSWER: “To Build a Fire”

4. The author of the story states, “It did not lead him (the man) to think about how vulnerable he was in this frozen wilderness.” Do you agree with his statement? Support your answer with **two** details from the story. [LT08]



EXTENDED RESPONSE: “To Build a Fire”

5. What problem does the man experience? What are **three** steps he takes to solve this problem? Include information from the story in your answer. [LA05]



Flex Book
Workshop Seven: Creatures of the Deep
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MULTIPLE CHOICE: “Sea Census Under Way”

1. What is the main idea of the story? [IC11]

- ☐ A. Scientists are learning more about ocean life.
- ☐ B. The tuna population has dropped significantly.
- ☐ C. Scientists are finding new species every week.
- ☐ D. Overfishing and pollution hurt some species.



MULTIPLE CHOICE: “Sea Census Under Way”

2. Which word could the author have used on page 168, paragraph 4, instead of *speculate*? [IC14]

- ☐ A. Know
- ☐ B. Guess
- ☐ C. Wonder
- ☐ D. Hope



MULTIPLE CHOICE: “Life in the Ocean Zones”

3. What is the main difference between the sunlit zones and the twilight zones in the ocean? [IA16]

- ☐ A. Fish adapt to their environment in the twilight zone.
- ☐ B. Fish change their colors to survive in the twilight zone.
- ☐ C. Bioluminescent fish live in the sunlit zone.
- ☐ D. Photosynthesis occurs in the sunlit zone.



SHORT ANSWER: “Life in the Ocean Zones”

4. Explain why sea creatures must use adaptation to survive in the midnight zone. Include **two** details from the selection in your answer. [IA17]



EXTENDED RESPONSE: “Dijanna Figueroa: Sea Scientist”

5. Is Dijanna Figueroa’s decision to become a movie star a good idea? Provide **four** details from the selection to support your answer. [IT19]



Flex Book
Workshop Eight: Going Global
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MULTIPLE CHOICE: “How Globalization is Shrinking the World”

1. Based on the selection, what inference can the reader make about why a U.S. company would want to hire workers in Latin America? [IC13]
- ☐ A. Their workforce is well-educated.
 - ☐ B. They have a large population of available workers.
 - ☐ C. The work can be completed cheaper and faster.
 - ☐ D. U.S. workers don't need the jobs.



MULTIPLE CHOICE: “Outsource It”

2. Which sentence summarizes the selection? [IC12]
- ☐ A. Since jobs can be handled more cheaply outside the U.S., more companies are contracting from other countries.
 - ☐ B. Because there are a limited variety of businesses in foreign countries, outsourcing possibilities are endless.
 - ☐ C. Based on data from surveys, businesses in the U.S. show they outsource the majority of jobs in information technology.
 - ☐ D. Although foreign workers are underpaid and overworked, they continue to work for U.S. companies.



MULTIPLE CHOICE: “Exploding Economies”

3. Which sentence tells how workers in India and China are similar? [IA16]
- ☐ A. Both countries maintain efficient, well-organized factories.
 - ☐ B. Both countries stress the importance of a good education.
 - ☐ C. Both countries develop a well-behaved, self-managed workforce.
 - ☐ D. Both countries have seen an influx of workers moving to cities.



SHORT ANSWER: “Exploding Economies”

4. Explain **two** ways that the editorial cartoon on page 201 helps you understand the selection. Include information from the editorial cartoon in your answer. [IA15]



EXTENDED RESPONSE: “Outsource It”

5. Is outsourcing a good idea? Provide **four** details from the selection to support your answer. [IT19]



Flex Book
Workshop Nine: The Art of the Memoir
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MULTIPLE CHOICE: “Writing a Memoir”

1. Why does Francisco Jimenez interview his family members when writing his memoir?
[IA17]

- ☐ A. He wanted his memoir to be completely accurate.
- ☐ B. He wanted to include his family’s creative ideas.
- ☐ C. He wanted to overcome stressful family events.
- ☐ D. He wanted to write from the perspective of others.



MULTIPLE CHOICE: from *Breaking Through*

2. How does Francisco Jimenez feel about his family’s living situation after Roberto finds a part-time janitorial job? [IC12]

- ☐ A. He was happy his father didn’t have to work in the fields anymore.
- ☐ B. He was grateful he no longer had to worry about being deported.
- ☐ C. He was glad his family was able to move away from the army barracks.
- ☐ D. He was thankful he didn’t have to miss two and a half months of school.



MULTIPLE CHOICE: “An Interview with Francisco Jimenez”

3. After reading this selection, which generalization can the reader make about becoming a professional writer? [IT20]

- ☐ A. It’s important to be recognized by a mentor and to keep writing a lot.
- ☐ B. It’s important to be able to handle many rejections from publishers.
- ☐ C. It’s important to protect the identities of real people and keep stories fictional.
- ☐ D. It’s important to listen to your inner voice and to write from the heart.



SHORT ANSWER: from *Breaking Through*

4. Explain how returning to the U.S. was important to the author. Support your answer with **two** details from the story. [LC03]



EXTENDED RESPONSE: from *Breaking Through*

5. According to the selection, what are **two** similarities between life in the U.S. and life in Mexico? Provide information from the selection in your answer.

According to the selection, what are **two** differences between life in the U.S. and life in Mexico? Provide information from the selection in your answer. [LA06]
