

Everett Public Schools

Assessment of Student Learning

Supplemental Teacher Guide



Reading Selections for Grade 10

Mid-Year Benchmark

“Old Faithful”

“Eruptions in Paradise”

“May Is Building Her House”

“Crater Lake” (Functional Document)

“Bibliography” (Stand Alone Question)

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1. Short Answer – 2 points

Strand: Analysis

Learning Target: IT10 Evaluate Reasoning

Is the following statement a reasonable conclusion for readers to draw from the selection?

Nature fills people with wonder and awe.

Provide **two** details from the selection to support your answer.

2	<p>A 2-point response: provides two text-based details to explain if the statement is or is not a reasonable conclusion.</p> <p>Example: Yes, nature fills people with wonder and awe is a reasonable conclusion. The selection describes Old Faithful as picturesque and later describes how the full moon is a beautiful time to see an eruption.</p>
1	<p>A 1-point response partially summarizes the selection by including a summarizing statement and two of the main events OR Provides three main events, but does not include a summarizing statement.</p>

Text-based details may include, but are not limited to:

Yes, it is a reasonable conclusion:

- Old Faithful is impressive (paragraph 3).
- Old Faithful is described as photogenic and picturesque (paragraph 4).
- Old Faithful is best viewed in the quiet and beauty of the off-season (paragraph 5).
- Old Faithful is unforgettably beautiful under a full moon (paragraph 5).
- Old Faithful's surrounding scenery and eruption are difficult to forget (paragraph 5).
- Old Faithful should be a priority stopover to visit (paragraph 5).

No, it is not a reasonable conclusion:

- Old Faithful's reputation is largely undeserved (paragraph 2).
- Old Faithful is too commercialized, surrounded by hotels and restaurants (paragraph 4).
- Old Faithful is a geyser in captivity (paragraph 4).
- It is difficult to find a seat to view Old Faithful (paragraph 4).

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2. Short Answer – 2 points

Strand: Analysis

Learning Target: IA07 Cause and Effect

What problems are associated with visiting a natural landmark? Include **one** problem from **each** selection in your answer.

2	A 2-point response provides one text-based problem associated with visiting a natural landmark from “Old Faithful” and one text-based problem associated with visiting a natural landmark from “Eruptions in Paradise”. Example: Old Faithful is crowded and Mt. Yasur requires a trip halfway around the world.
1	A 1-point response provides one text-based problem associated with visiting a natural landmark from “Old Faithful” OR Provides one text-based problem associated with visiting a natural landmark from “Eruptions in Paradise”.

Text-based problems may include, but are not limited to:

One problem from “Old Faithful”:

- Old Faithful is crowded (paragraph 4).
- The benches are full at Old Faithful (paragraph 4).
- To photograph Old Faithful, you must “jockey” for the best position (paragraph 4).
- The roads to Old Faithful close seasonally (paragraph 5).

AND

One problem from “Eruption is Paradise”:

- The narrator describes the burning sensation and stinging tears from the sulfur smoke (paragraph 1).
- The narrator describes the rumbling of the volcano and the threat of a volcanic eruption (paragraph 1)
- Mt. Yasur is difficult to get to and requires traveling half-way around the world (paragraph 2).
- Mt. Yasur is located in a country without liability laws (paragraph 3).
- The path to Mt. Yasur is dangerous and does not have guard rails or warning signs (paragraph 3).

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3. Extended Response – 4 points

Strand: Analysis

Learning Target: IA06 Compare and Contrast

According to the selection, what are **two** similarities between Old Faithful and Mt. Yasur? Provide information from the selection in your answer.

According to the selection, what are **two** differences between Old Faithful and Mt. Yasur? Provide information from the selection in your answer.

4	<p>A 4-point response includes the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One text-based way Old Faithful in the first selection is like Mt. Yasur in the poem. • A second text-based way Old Faithful in the first selection is like Mt. Yasur in the poem. • One text-based way Old Faithful in the first selection is different from Mt. Yasur in the poem. • A second text-based way Old Faithful in the first selection is different from Mt. Yasur in the poem. <p>Example</p> <p>One way Old Faithful and Mt. Yasur are alike is that they are both famous landforms. Old Faithful is famous for its timed geyser eruptions and Mt. Yasur is famous for being an active volcano. Another way they are alike is that they both pull many visitors. Old Faithful is surrounded by tourists in the summer months and the narrator in “Eruptions in Paradise” describes the various tourists visiting the volcano.</p> <p>They were different in that Old Faithful and Mt. Yasur are in very different locations. Old Faithful is in America, well in-land, and Mt. Yasur is located in the Pacific Ocean, surrounded by water. They are also different in how they are viewed by visitors. Old Faithful is viewed up-close by sitting on benches and Mt. Yasur is viewed from the edge of its crater.</p>
3	A 3-point response includes three of the four elements listed above.
2	A 2-point response includes two of the four elements above.
1	A 1-point response includes one of the four elements above.

Text-based details may include, but are not limited to:

Similarities:

- Old Faithful and Mt. Yasur are both famous landforms
- Old Faithful and Mt. Yasur are both dangerous.
- Old Faithful and Mt. Yasur both erupt.
- Old Faithful and Mt. Yasur pull many visitors.
- Old Faithful and Mt. Yasur both have hot eruptions.
- Old Faithful and Mt. Yasur are both carefully monitored by scientists.
- Old Faithful and Mt. Yasur can both be observed in their natural state.

Differences:

- Old Faithful is visited by many Americans, whereas Mt. Yasur is visited by only a few Americans.
- Old Faithful is in the “middle” of America, whereas Mt. Yasur is on an island in the “Ring of Fire”.
- Mt. Yasur is described through myths and legends (paragraph 10) and Old Faithful is not described through myths or legends.
- Old Faithful is a geyser and Mt. Yasur is a volcano.
- Old Faithful is viewed from benches, whereas Mt. Yasur is viewed from the edge of the volcano.