

Grade 7 ELA		
2012-2013 Items	2013-2014 Items	2014-2015 Research Simulation Task Items
GLE 7.15 Write multiparagraph compositions on student- or teacher-selected topics. GLE 7.17 Develop grade-appropriate compositions on student- or teacher-selected topics.	 W.7.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content. L.7.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. W.7.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. 	
Read the passage about great physical achievements. As you read the passage, think about what qualities it takes to complete one of these endeavors. Then use the passage to help you write a well-organized multiparagraph composition. Write a multiparagraph composition for your teacher that explains what qualities it takes to complete extreme activities, such as a triathlon, a marathon, and mountain climbing. Use details from the passage to help you explain your ideas.	Think about the similarities and differences between Chef Monica Sallier and Chef Andrew Gleason. Which chef's "open kitchen" would you choose to visit? Write a multiparagraph composition to convince your teacher which chef's kitchen would be the best to visit. Provide reasons and support for your opinion and use details from the passage to help you convince your teacher to agree with you.	You have read a website entry and an article and watched a video describing Amelia Earhart. All three include information that supports the claim that Earhart was a brave, courageous person. The three texts are: "The Biography of Amelia Earhart" "Earhart's Final Resting Place Believed Found" "Amelia Earhart's Life and Disappearance" (video) Consider the argument each author uses to demonstrate Earhart's bravery. Write an essay that analyzes the strength of the arguments related to Earhart's bravery in at least two of the three supporting materials. Remember to use textual evidence to support your ideas.