

Strand	Learning Target	Multiple Choice Stems	Short Answer Stems	Extended Response Stems	
Strand IA: Analyzes, interprets, and synthesizes in informational text	IA16 Compare/contrast elements within and between text(s) Reading EALR 2.3.1, 2.4.6	Which sentence tells how (two pieces of information in the selection) are similar (or different)? What is the main difference (or similarity) between (information from both selections)?	16A What are two similarities/differences between (two pieces of information in the selection)? Include information from the selection in your answer.	16AA ONE ER According to the selection, what are two similarities between ____? Provide information from the selection in your answer. ***** According to the selection, what are two differences between ____? Provide information from the selection in your answer.	
		How is ____ from the two selections alike?	16B How do 1st author's/subject's/poet's feelings about ____ compare to the 2nd author's/subject's/poet's feelings about ____? Include one detail from the (1st story/selection/poem) and one detail from the (2nd story/selection/poem) in your answer.	16BB ONE ER What are two ways (information in 1st story/selection/poem) is like (character in 2nd story/selection/poem)? Include information from both (stories/selections/poems) in your answer. ***** What are two ways (information in 1st story/selection/poem) is different than the (character in 2nd story/selection/poem)? Include information from both (stories/selections/poems) in your answer.	
		Sample WASL Questions based on the test and item specifications Grades 6-7-8-10 ~ DRAFT May 2005 Version			

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		<p>How are the _____ in the story/selection/poem and _____ in the story/selection/poem similar?</p>	<p>16C</p> <p>The author of the (1st story/selection/poem of a pair) states “_____.” Provide two examples from the (2nd story/selection/poem of a pair) that (demonstrate the idea from the story/selection/poem).</p> <p>NOTE: Use above stem for linking two passages together.</p> <p>16D</p> <p>How are (person’s) experiences with (person/event) different from (person’s) experiences with (person/event)? Include two details from the selection in your answer.</p>	