

Strand	Learning Target	Multiple Choice Stems	Short Answer Stems	Extended Response Stems
<b>Strand LT: Thinks critically in literary text</b>	Given a literary text to read silently (may include poems, stories, biographies, and essays), learners respond to items in which they use textual evidence to:			
	<p><b>LT08</b></p> <p>Analyze author's purpose in a literary text, and/or effectiveness for different audiences, and/or identify facts and opinions, and/or author's assumptions and beliefs</p> <p><b>Reading EALRs 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.4.4</b></p>	<p>In paragraph ___ of the story/selection/poem, why does the author include (technique)?</p> <p>What is most likely the author's purpose for writing this story/selection/poem?</p> <p>Which sentence from the story/selection/poem is an opinion?</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Preferably use only in biographies. Answer choices taken directly from the text will appear in quotes.</p> <p>Which word/sentence best describes the author's/poet's attitude/feelings about the _____ in the story?</p> <p>What is the author's purpose for writing the story/selection/poem?</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Use: To _____ To _____ To _____ To _____</p>	<p><b>8A</b></p> <p>What is the author's/subject's/poet's purpose for writing the story/selection/poem? Provide <b>one</b> detail from the story/selection/poem to support your answer.</p> <p><b>8B</b></p> <p>Any of these words might be used to identify the author's purpose for writing the story/selection/poem. Choose the word that best describes the author's purpose for writing the story/selection/poem. (verb) (verb) (verb)</p> <p>Use <b>two</b> details from the story/selection/poem to support your choice. <b>NOTE:</b> Possible verbs include, but are not limited to: entertain, describe, inform, etc.</p>	<p><b>8BB</b></p> <p>What is the author's/subject's/poet's purpose for writing this story/selection/poem? Provide <b>three</b> details from the story/selection/poem to support your answer.</p>
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			<p data-bbox="971 310 1026 352"><b>8C</b></p> <p data-bbox="963 380 1230 590">The author's purpose for writing this selection may have been (give purpose). Provide <b>two</b> details from the selection/story/poem to support this purpose.</p> <p data-bbox="971 674 1026 716"><b>8D</b></p> <p data-bbox="963 743 1230 953">The author of the story/selection/poem states "_____." Do you agree with his/her statement? Use <b>two</b> details from selection/story/poem to support your answer.</p> <p data-bbox="963 982 1230 1073"><b>NOTE:</b> Use statements from the passage that state an opinion.</p>	

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