

Smarter Balanced Sample Test Item

Grade 6

ELA



Name _____

Directions. Share this test item with your parent. Read the passage and answer the related questions together. Ask your parent to sign the paper to show that you worked together on this test item.

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A student is writing an argumentative report about the best way to improve the quality of life in her city. She found possible sources for her report. Read the sources and the directions that follow.

Source 1: “Spending Money for the Town” by Ray Butler

According to Mayor Greg Davidson, the city has received a grant of \$100,000. This money is to be used to improve the quality of life here. He has received several suggestions. One is that the playgrounds of two parks should be improved. Another is that more trails for hiking and biking should be added. Those additions would help increase exercise. A number of young people have also suggested building a skateboard park.

Source 2: “What Makes People Happy with Their City?” by Rosalie Davis

A recent survey of residents of twenty cities showed some interesting findings. Those people who were most happy with life in their towns had several things in common. All of them had activity programs for children. The activities ranged from swimming and soccer to skating and art. Several of them also had drama and music programs. There were also activity programs for adults. Almost all of the towns included volunteer programs for both adults and children.

The student wrote down some claims to use in her report. Look at the claims on the table. Decide if the information in **Source 1**, **Source 2**, both sources, or neither source supports each claim. Click on the box that appropriately describes each claim. There will be only one box selected for each claim.

	Source 1	Source 2	Both Sources	Neither Source
Claim 1: Towns should build bike trails.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Claim 2: Towns should solve pollution problems.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Claim 3: Towns should provide opportunities in the arts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Claim 4: Towns should provide activities and equipment for children.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Parent Information. The Smarter Balanced assessment is an online summative assessment that measures a student’s progress toward college/career readiness and is administered at the end of the grade level. This page includes one example of a test item that is found in the **sixth grade** Smarter Balanced Practice test. To experience other test items, visit the Smarter Balanced Practice test website at the following link: <http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test>. **Note:** Some of the topics presented in the practice test may not have been taught in your student’s class yet.

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