

# Extended Constructed Response

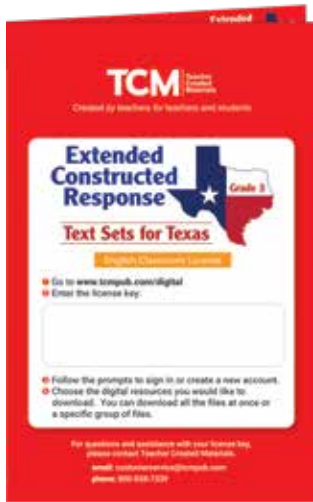


## Text Sets for Texas

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### An American Hero

**Directions:** Read the text and write a response.

**An American Hero**

In 1962, John Glenn became the first American to fly a spacecraft around the Earth. He set the course for space exploration.

In 1962, John Glenn lifted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida. His mission was to fly a spacecraft around the Earth. He set the course for space exploration. Glenn orbited Earth 28 times before he landed in the Atlantic Ocean. He was an American hero.

The U.S. was racing the former Soviet Union to space. The Soviets won. But Glenn helped quickly on the new frontier. He was the crucial first steps toward landing astronauts on the moon. Michael Cabbage told TFK. Cabbage works for NASA.

**Look Up To**

John Glenn served his country for 40 years. He was a U.S. senator for 24 years. In 1998, he made history when he became the oldest person to travel into space. Glenn was 77 years old when he flew on the space shuttle *Columbia* in New Concord, Ohio. "John Glenn is an American hero," says Taelor, a third grader. "He makes me want to do what he did."

—By Elizabeth Winchester

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Welcome to *Extended Constructed Response Text Sets for Texas*. The prompts in this resource are aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) standards specifically for the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR).

These passages provide practice for writing text-based extended constructed response essays.

Each two-page exercise is clearly titled for ease of use.

Paragraphs are numbered to mirror the STAAR test and help students recognize breaks in text.

Engaging passages provide rich text for students to explore.

Clear and concise prompts mirror the extended constructed response portion of the STAAR test for Reading Language Arts.

Text-based prompts relate to the passages and provide opportunities for students to think deeply about what they read.

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**Directions:** Read the text and write a response.

### An American Hero

- In 1962, John Glenn became the first American to fly a spacecraft around the Earth. He set the course for space exploration.
- On February 20, 1962, John Glenn lifted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida. His mission was to fly a spacecraft around the Earth. No American had done it before. Glenn orbited Earth three times. Then he landed in the Atlantic Ocean. He was an instant hero.
- At the time, the U.S. was racing the former Soviet Union to send humans into space. The Soviets won. But Glenn helped the U.S. catch up quickly on the new frontier.
- "It was one of the crucial first steps toward landing astronauts on the moon," Michael Cabbage told TFK. Cabbage works for NASA.

**Someone to Look Up To**

- Glenn continued to serve his country for many years. He was a U.S. senator from Ohio for 24 years. In 1998, he made history again. He became the oldest person ever to travel into space. Glenn died in 2016 at the age of 95.
- Glenn once lived in New Concord, Ohio. "It's cool to grow up in the same town as an American hero," says Taelor, a third grader there. "It makes me want to do great things."



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### An American Hero

**Prompt**  
 Read the article "An American Hero." Based on the information in the text, write a response to the following:  
 Explain how John Glenn showed courage.  
 Write a well-organized informational essay that uses specific evidence from the article to support your answer.

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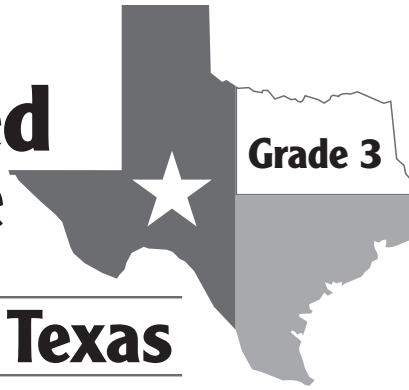
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Prompts cover either informational or argumentative writing.

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