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Module 1

Paired Passage Responses: Connecting Two Texts

Grade 3 • Cluster 5



Tackling TEKS • Reading & Writing

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★ Meet Our Week!

Week 1 · Low Stamina

★ Daily Deck

I Will...

- I will track Problem, Action, Solution, and Impact in both passages.
- I will find one detail from each passage.
- I will connect two details in one sentence.
- I will use GET SET for the introduction and RRR for the conclusion.

I Can...

- I can use both passages in one answer.
- I can write a thesis (central idea) that fits both texts.
- I can explain a HOW-similarity or HOW-difference with by, through, with, in, or across.
- I can conclude with the Bluebird Moment.



Linear Plot Line

Day 1 · Gather & Reveal

★ Daily Deck

Ford and Walton

informational passages

How can a writer connect two informational passages into one clear, well-supported answer?

Preview the two biographies and the Linear Plot Line

You will read two biographies today.

★ Dot the Tricky Words

Day 1 · Gather & Reveal

★ Daily Deck

D

Dot

Place a small dot above any word you are not sure about yet.

O

Discover

Discover the meaning as we learn together through our lessons.

T

Drop

Erase the dot once you know what the word means.

A little dot above a word means:
“I’m not sure about this word yet.”

Dot the word. Discover the meaning. Drop the dot, then celebrate when you own it!

Blue

Statement of purpose

People with useful ideas can change everyday life.

Yellow

Bridge to both

The two biographies show this through changes in travel and retail.

Green

Thesis (central idea)

Henry Ford and Sam Walton were important because their solutions helped everyday families.

Blue purpose, yellow bridge, green thesis (central idea).

GET SET gives every introduction a blue purpose, yellow bridge, and green thesis (central idea).



Evidence from BOTH

Day 1 · Reveal (cont.)

★ Daily Deck

Linear Plot Line

Cars were rare and expensive.

Ford created the Model T and used an assembly line.

High prices made shopping difficult.

Walton opened Walmart and looked for ways to improve.

Watch Me!

Prompt: Explain why Henry Ford and Sam Walton were important.

Model: Henry Ford and Sam Walton were important because they created solutions that helped everyday families.

Use evidence only from the two biographies.



Write the ECR

Day 2 · Attempt · Partner Game

★ Daily Deck

Ford and Walton

How to Play

- 1 Read the prompt and name the shared idea.
- 2 Choose one Henry Ford detail.
- 3 Choose one Sam Walton detail.
- 4 Connect the details.

Success Check: *One sentence explains how they work together.*

Partner Task

Task Card

You will place one Ford detail and one Walton detail on the same response card.

Answer

both men created solutions that helped everyday families.



How can a writer connect two informational passages into one clear, well-supported answer?

How are the solutions similar?

How are they different?

What can I already do?

What do I want to practice next?

Student Directions: “Explain why one detail from each passage belongs in the same answer.”



HOW-similarity and HOW-difference

Day 3 · Discuss (cont.)

★ Daily Deck

How are the solutions similar? How are they different?

HOW-similarity

HOW-difference

alike or different

A HOW-similarity thesis (central idea) explains how both passages show an alike way by, through, with, in, or across.



Try It On Your Own!

Day 3 · Use (Independent Practice) · Interactive Notebook

WHY

Explain why Henry Ford and Sam Walton were important.

EVIDENCE

Write one thesis (central idea), one detail from each passage, and one connection sentence.

HOW

One sentence explains how they work together.

You will not finish until your sentence explains how the two details connect.

★ Award & Target!

Day 4 · Award & Target

★ Daily Deck

Award 🏆

Point to the strongest sentence in your response and explain why it works.

- Connection Creator
- Evidence Expert
- Meaning Maker

Target 🎯

Both men _____ because _____ .

Curiosity Questions

What do I want to practice next?



Exit Ticket

Day 5 · Educate & Explain to Others

★ Daily Deck

**Explain why Henry Ford and Sam Walton were important.
Use one detail from EACH passage and connect the ideas in
one sentence.**

**Write a HOW-similarity or HOW-difference thesis (central idea) using by,
through, with, in, or across.**

**one full low-stamina ECR with GET SET, paired evidence, a connection sentence, and
RRR.**



Intervention: Name the Thinking

★ Daily Deck

Small-Group Support

Use this small-group routine when a student has difficulty using both passages.

Step 1: Point to Ford and Walton.

Step 2: Name the problem and solution in each.

Step 3: choose one detail from each.

Together, these details show ____.

You will use one detail from Henry Ford and one detail from Sam Walton.



Enrichment: Connect Across Texts

Enrichment · Write in your notebook

Write two responses to the same pair of biographies. The first must explain a HOW-similarity. The second must explain a HOW-difference.

Use BOTH passages in each response.

Both men helped everyday families by creating more affordable choices in daily life.

The Model T was much more affordable, and many families could finally buy a car.

Customers found many items in one place at prices they could afford.

★ My Progress Tracker

This tracker is for YOU! As you read and write this week, look at each skill. If you can do it all by yourself, color in the box that matches how you feel. Be honest, this helps you see how much you are growing!

I Can...	Not Yet	Getting Set	I Can Do It
Track Problem, Action, Solution, Impact in both passages.	Not Yet	Getting Set	I Can Do It
Write a thesis (central idea) that fits both texts.	Not Yet	Getting Set	I Can Do It
Find one detail from the Ford passage.	Not Yet	Getting Set	I Can Do It
Find one detail from the Walton passage.	Not Yet	Getting Set	I Can Do It
Connect the two details in one sentence.	Not Yet	Getting Set	I Can Do It
Use GET SET and RRR.	Not Yet	Getting Set	I Can Do It

Citizenship Connection

Good Citizens · Our Community & Country

Connection to community life

Ford and Walton changed ordinary routines in different fields. Ford made travel easier for families. Walton made everyday shopping more affordable. Students can discuss how one person's solution can affect many people without leaving the evidence in the biographies.

Let's Look at an Answer!

Prompt: Explain why Henry Ford and Sam Walton were important. Use evidence from BOTH passages.

LOW

Henry Ford and Sam Walton were important. They both did good things. Ford made cars and Walton made a store. The connection sentence is missing.

Teacher Notes: Names the topic but does not state the shared idea. No specific detail from either passage.

Let's Look at Another Answer!

Prompt: Explain why Henry Ford and Sam Walton were important. Use evidence from BOTH passages.

MEDIUM

Henry Ford and Sam Walton were important because they helped people. The text stated, "Many families who had never owned a car before were finally able to buy one." Sam Walton also helped people by opening Walmart.

Teacher Notes: The central idea is broad but usable. Relevant Ford evidence. Needs a specific detail from the Walton passage. Add one sentence explaining how both details support the shared idea.

Our Strongest Answer!

Prompt: Explain why Henry Ford and Sam Walton were important. Use evidence from BOTH passages.

HIGH

Creative thinkers can solve problems that affect many people. The two biographies show this through changes in travel and retail. Henry Ford and Sam Walton were important because they created solutions that helped everyday families. One reason both men were important was that they helped everyday families. The text stated, "Many families who had never owned a car before were finally able to buy one."

★ **This is our target!**

Our Strongest Answer! (continued)

Prompt: Explain why Henry Ford and Sam Walton were important. Use evidence from BOTH passages.

HIGH

The passage explained, "Customers liked finding many items in one place at prices they could afford." This shows that both men created solutions that made life easier and more affordable. Ford and Walton helped everyday families through useful solutions. The Model T and moving assembly line, together with Walmart and lower prices, show this shared impact. Their ideas show how solutions can change transportation, shopping, and community life.