

Below, I show questions that might be a little more relevant to Annie if she took the PARCC.<sup>1 2</sup> Do note, however, that she was cabin-schooled for her early formal education (which consisted mostly of reading the bible, according to her), and then, when on land, "finishing school."

PARCC tests are intended to help students be more "college and career ready." It purportedly looks at whether students can solve problems, not just prepare for tests by memorization.

PARCC Tests are based on the Common Core. According to MA officials (see document link), "innovative items" from which it will be will be incorporated in to [MCAS/PARCC hybrid \(now still being called MCAS as of fall 2017\)](#).

PARCC tests English Language Arts/Literacy, and includes much more literary analysis, informational text (non-fiction), research simulation, narrative writing...

One of the debates about the newer standardized tests in ELA is that they shift the emphasis on Literary Analysis and writing to non-fiction analysis, thus perhaps under-testing items in the curriculum teachers find vital to well-educated graduates, and build into the curriculum which need not be removed in favor of room to gain competence in the formerly less emphasized areas. **Consider the third grade research simulation in this context.**

\* The Research Simulation Task requires students to analyze an informational topic through several articles or multimedia stimuli. Students read and respond to a series of questions and synthesize information from multiple sources in order to write an analytic essay. In the early years, "research simulation" refers to work done on provided texts and presented online. In later years the research is done on the internet and incorporated onto the PARCC." [reference: check document - I may have written this, as I did the para above.

## Grade 3

[Non-Fiction: How or Survive in the Arctic, Life in a Deep Freeze by Sandra Markle](https://prc.parcconline.org/system/files/3rd%20Grade%20-Research%20Simulation%20Task%20-%20Item%20Set_12016.pdf)  
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Note: the passage on the Inuit references *The Kid's Site of Canadian Settlement*, by Carol White.

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<sup>1</sup> test from Common Core done by a consortium of 8 states, DC, and the Bureau of Indian Education

<sup>2</sup> They are all released items so far for 2015 (first year of use?). Options for preK, grade 1, grade 2, presented in search with no results except standard intro format - so, to come?)

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## Grade 4

[Passage\(s\): from "Great White Shark" / from Face to Face with Sharks/Shark Life](#)

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## Grade 5

[Peace Corps Volunteers](#)

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## Grade 6

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## Grade 7

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## Grade 8

[The History of the Edison Cylinder Phonograph; The Incredible Talking Machine; Psst Hey You – Communication Across and Within the Seas](#)

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## Grade 9

["first Notes" from The Great Animal Orchestra by Bernie Krause](#)

"Today you will research how animals perceive sound and how sound relates to other aspects of human experience."

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## Grade 10

Annie and her husband lost all of their considerable monies in "the crash of 1907. This is the crash that led to the establishment of the Federal Reserve.

[Today you will research Franklin Roosevelt's economic plans to stabilize the American economy during the 1930's and the Great Depression.](#)

