

## Grade 6 ELA C4 T3

Sample Item Id:	<b>ELA.06.SR.4.03.046</b>
Grade/Model:	<b>06/4</b>
Claim:	<b>4.</b> Students can engage in research / inquiry to investigate topics, and to analyze, integrate, and present information.
Assessment Target(s):	<b>3. EVALUATE INFORMATION/ SOURCES:</b> Use reasoning, planning, and evidence to gather and select information to support inferences, interpretations, and analyses.
Secondary Target(s):	NA
Standard(s):	W-8; WLiteracy-8
DOK:	3
Difficulty:	M
Item Type:	Selected Response
Score Points:	1
Key:	D
Stimulus/Passage(s):	See below
Stimuli/Text Complexity:	
Acknowledgement(s):	Testing Contractor
Item/Task Notes:	
How this task contributes to the sufficient evidence for this claim:	In order to respond to the prompt, students must select a current, relevant, and trustworthy source of information for a given topic from a list of options.
Target-Specific Attributes (e.g., Accessibility Issues):	Students will be required to manipulate a mouse and/or computer keyboard, and to read a grade-level text. Alternative formats and/or support may be required for physically- and visually-impaired students.

*Stimulus Text:*

While writing an informational report for science class about schools' gardens, you need to search the Internet for sources.

Your teacher has said to use only sources that are

- current (created within the past four years),
- trustworthy, and
- relevant to your topic.

*Item Stem:*

Below are the first four results from your Internet search.

Which of these websites would be the **best** source for your

report?

Options:

A. [www.middleschoolveggies.blogland.com](http://www.middleschoolveggies.blogland.com)

As parents of 6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> graders, we want our schools to make healthy food available to our children. Read our blog to discover how you can encourage your child’s school cafeteria to serve fresh, organic vegetables and fruit...

B. [www.gardeningatschool.org](http://www.gardeningatschool.org)

School gardens are becoming more and more popular. Last year, in 1999, we polled 60 schools across the country; over half of them responded by saying they had begun a school garden or had plans to do so...

C. [www.alexsgarden.com](http://www.alexsgarden.com)

Many people talk about gardening at school. I have my own garden at home, but it seems to me that taking care of a school garden isn’t a good use of kids’ time...

D. [www.sunsetparkmiddleschool.k12.org/blog](http://www.sunsetparkmiddleschool.k12.org/blog)

This year we started our own garden here at Sunset Park Middle School! Read on to discover more about our garden, the kids who work on it, and the kinds of vegetables we grow. 2012 has already taught us so much about gardening...

*Distractor Analysis:*

- A. Incorrect: this source is not relevant to the topic.
- B. Incorrect: this source is not current (it was written in 2000).
- C. Incorrect: there is no indication that the author of this source knows anything first-hand about school gardens.
- D. Correct: this source is current, relevant to the topic, and authored by students who have first-hand experience with school gardens.