

## ELA.07.4.3.048

Sample Item ID:	<b>ELA.07.4.3.048</b>
Grade / Model:	07 / 2
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):	n/a
Standard(s):	W-8, WL-8, W-9
DOK:	3
Difficulty:	M
Item Type:	Selected Response
Score Points:	1
Key:	B
Stimulus/Passage(s):	"Amelia Earhart"
Stimulus/Text Complexity:	Word Count: 228 Flesch-Kincaid: 7.4 Lexile: 950L, grade 6-9. This passage is used to provide students a context for a research task. Both the quantitative and qualitative analysis suggest the passage is appropriate for use at grade 7.
Acknowledgement(s):	
Item/Task Notes:	
How this task contributes to the sufficient evidence for this claim:	Students must use reasoning and evidence to analyze information presented in a source.
Target-Specific Attributes (e.g., accessibility issues):	Requires students to read text one grade-level below tested level and either use a mouse or indicate correct response. Alternative formats and/or support may be required for visually and physically impaired students.

*Stimulus Text:*

Below is a text a student is using to research how flight has changed over time. Read the text and answer the question that follows.

### Amelia Earhart

Amelia Earhart was born in Atchison, Kansas, on July 24, 1897. In those days, airplanes were not as common as they are today. Earhart was 12 years old before she ever saw an airplane, and she did not take her first flight until 1920. Amelia Earhart was so thrilled by her first airplane ride that she quickly began to

take flying lessons.

Earhart excelled as a pilot. She was invited to become the first woman passenger to cross the Atlantic Ocean in a plane. "The idea of just going as 'extra weight' did not appeal to me at all," she said, but she accepted the offer nonetheless. On June 17, Amelia Earhart flew in a plane named Friendship with co-pilots Wilmer "Bill" Stultz and Louis "Slim" Gordon. The plane landed at Burry Port, South Wales, with just a small amount of fuel left.

Today, pilots routinely cross the Atlantic in about seven hours. How long was Earhart's flight? Earhart's first trip across the Atlantic took more than 20 hours! Following the trip, she was given parties and even a ticker tape parade down Broadway in New York City. President Coolidge called to congratulate her on crossing the Atlantic.

*Item Stem:*

A student is doing research for a report about how human flight has changed since it began. The report will have four sections. Each section is listed below with a brief explanation of the main idea of the section. For which of the following sections would the passage provide details?

*Options:*

A. Uses of Flight

Flight was not used in as many ways then because planes could not fly as far as they can now.

B. Public Interest in Flight

The public was more excited by flight then because there were fewer airplanes and people flying them than there are now.

C. Changes Caused by Flight

People did not know as much about life in other countries then because flight did not give as much contact with others as it does now.

**D. Flight equipment**

The equipment used for flight did not protect those who flew as well as it does now.

*Distractor Analysis:*

- A. Incorrect: The article does not give information about different uses of flight at the time.
- B. Correct: The article gives details that support the statement that the public was more excited by flight then because there were fewer airplanes and people flying them than there are now: "In those days, airplanes were not as common as they are today," and, "Following the trip, she was given parties and even a ticker tape parade down Broadway in New York City," and, "President Coolidge called to congratulate her on crossing the Atlantic."
- C. Incorrect: The article does not give details about contacts between various countries.
- D. Incorrect: The article does not give details about dangers presented by equipment inadequate for potential risks.