

ELA.08.SR.1.08.062 C1 T8

Sample Item Id:	ELA.08.SR.1.08.062
Grade / Model:	08
Claim:	1: Students can read closely and analytically to comprehend a range of increasingly complex literary and informational texts.
Assessment Target:	8: Key Details: Identify explicit text evidence to support inferences made or conclusions drawn about texts.
Secondary Target(S):	n/a
Standard(S):	RI-1, RST-3
DOK:	2
Difficulty:	M
Item Type:	Selected Response
Score Points:	1
Key:	D "They were excellent hunters"
Stimulus/Passage(S):	"Native Americans" by anonymous
Stimuli /Text Complexity:	n/a
Acknowledgement(S):	http://www.kidport.com/RefLib/SocialStudies/NativeAmericans/Introduction.htm
Item/Task Notes:	
How this task contributes to the sufficient evidence for this claim:	Students must identify explicit information in the informational text to support a given inference about it.
Target-Specific Attributes (e.g., accessibility issues):	Requires students to read grade-level text 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 about Native Americans. Read the text and answer the question that follows.

Native Americans

Archaeologists suggest that people arrived in several groups or tribes to America, from at least 15,000 years ago. The first Americans came from Asia and followed herds of grazing animals across a land bridge formed during the Ice Age. When the Earth began to warm, this land bridge disappeared and became the Bering Strait. The people journeyed on foot slowly southward into

North America through a harsh landscape. They were excellent hunters and speared huge animals such as woolly mammoths and long-horned bison.

Item Stem:

Which statement from the text shows how Native Americans survived in North America?

Options:

- A. "people arrived in several groups"
- B. "the Earth began to warm"
- C. "The people journeyed on foot slowly"
- D. "They were excellent hunters"

Distractor Analysis:

- A. INCORRECT. This option is a sentence from the text that makes a statement about the fact that early Americans arrived in several groups; however, it does not show how these people survived.
- B. INCORRECT. While the Earth's warming may have created a climate more conducive to early Americans' survival, the statement does not show how the early peoples survived.
- C. INCORRECT. This option explains how the early Americans moved across the North American continent; however, it does not explain how they survived.
- D. CORRECT. This option is a statement from the text that explains how early Americans survived.