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The lead4ward transitional items are designed to provide teachers and leaders with examples of how released multiple-choice items could look in the format of the STAAR 2.0 new item types. The lead4ward crew has adapted elementary and secondary items in various TEKS clusters for STAAR-tested courses. Within those TEKS clusters, new item types that are applicable to the specific grade and subject are represented.

The transitional items can be used with the PLC:

- when planning for application of learning and transfer to STAAR
- to analyze and discuss the STAAR 1.0 and 2.0 examples, including:
 - the similarities and differences between multiple-choice and new item type thinking, stimuli, and representation of the content
 - how the new item types may be better or more challenging for students
 - student misconceptions and mistakes
- how specific online tools and resources may support particular new item types

The transitional items can also be used with students during instruction:

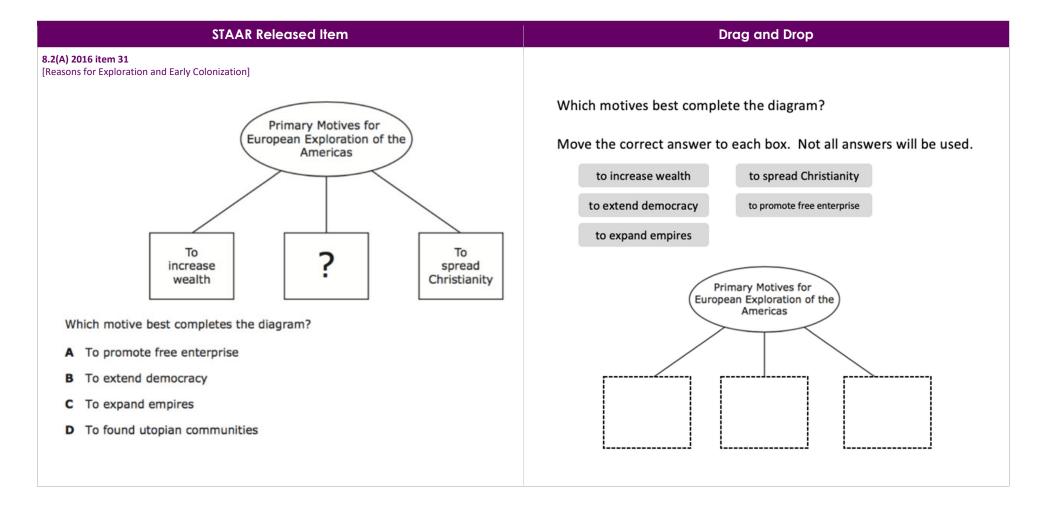
- as prompts for bell ringers, modeling with assessment items, analysis and discussion in centers or workstations, and with Learning from Mistakes strategies on the lead4ward playlist
- to analyze and discuss the STAAR 1.0 and 2.0 examples, including:
- the similarities and differences between multiple-choice and new item type thinking, stimuli, and representation of the content
- how the new item types may be better or more challenging
- possible learning mistakes
- how specific online tools may support particular new item types

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Exploration and Colonization

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STAAR Released Item				Inlir	ne Choice
8.2(B) 2021 item 24 [Reasons for Exploration and Early Colonization]					
Study the table and answer the question that follows.		Con	nplete the table below.		
	Colony	Reason Established			
	Virginia	(1)		Colony	Reason Established
1	Massachusetts Bay	(2)		Virginia	⇒
Which reasons correc	othy contact the numb	ore in this table?		Massachusetts Bay	\$
G (1) To gain re (2) To provide (2) To increas (2) To escape (2) To help be	eligious freedom e military defense se business profits e religious persecution e military defense enefit the poor				To increase business profits To escape religious persecution

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STAAR Released Item	Hot Text	
Representative Government and Its Growth] We whose names are underwritten do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation, and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid: And by Virtue hereof do enact, constitute and frame, such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions, and Officers, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general Good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due Submission and Obedience. —Mayflower Compact, 1620 For what reason did a group of colonists agree to this compact? A To declare independence from all European nations B To form a social contract among themselves C To demonstrate goodwill toward local American Indians D To establish trade relations with other colonies	Which parts of the excerpt BEST describes the reason the group of colonists agreed to this compact? Select TWO correct answers. We whose names are underwritten do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation, and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid: And by Virtue hereof do enact, constitute and frame, such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions, and Officers, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general Good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due Submission and Obedience. —Mayflower Compact, 1620	
STAAR Released Item	Drag and Drop	
Representative Government and Its Growth] This diagram shows a sequence of events in colonial history. The Mayflower landed at Plymouth Rock instead of Virginia. The colonists realized they were outside the area covered by the original charter. Why is this sequence of events important? A Colonists created a legislature with two houses. B Colonists declared independence from English rule. C Colonists defended the concept of unalienable rights. D Colonists established a tradition of self-government.	The colonists established a tradition of self-government. Put the following events in the correct order. The colonists signed the Mayflower Compact. The Mayflower landed at Plymouth Rock instead of Virginia. The colonists realized they were outside the area covered by the original charter.	

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Southern



STAAR Released Item Match Table Grid 8.11(A) 2015 item 5 [Economics of the Colonial Regions] What was the climate and product produced by the colonial regions? Characteristics of American Colonies Select the correct answer in each row. Colonies Product Resource Climate **Characteristics of American Colonies** Northern Deep harbors Cold 2 Middle Rich farmland Livestock

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Which characteristic is correctly matched with a number in the table?

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Warm

- A 1: Indigo
- 2: Moderate
- 3: Rocky soil
- D 4: Ships

Middle	Southern
	Middle

STAAR Released Item 8.12(B) 2021 item 39 [Economics of the Colonial Regions] Study the diagram and answer the question that follows. Colonial Expansion of the Use of slavery transatlantic production of in agriculture slave trade cash crops

Which phrase BEST completes this diagram?

- A Development of labor unions
- B Increased enlistment in the military
- C Construction of roads and railroads
- D Increased profits for plantation owners

Use of slavery

Multiselect

Which statements complete the diagram?

Cotton, indigo and rice

Select TWO correct answers.

Colonial

production of

L	cash crops slave trade		
	Development of labor unions		
	Increased enlistment in the military		
	☐ Increased production of cash crops		
	Construction of roads and railroads		
	Increased profits for plantation owners		

Expansion of the

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Constitution



STAAR Released Item	Drag and Drop	
8.15(B) 2016 item 19 [The Articles and the Constitutional Convention] This information was included in a slide-show presentation to a high school history class. Strengths Ability to declare war Ability to make treaties Authority to operate post offices Which document was the focus of this presentation? A The Mayflower Compact B The Articles of Confederation C The Virginia Declaration of Rights D The Declaration of Independence	Which characteristics about the Articles of Confederation best complete the diagram? Move the answers to the correct boxes. Ability to declare war Ability to make treaties No power to tax No executive branch Strengths Weaknesses	
STAAR Released Item	Hot Text	
8.15(C) 2019 item 30 [Bill of Rights] Which grievance from the Declaration of Independence is addressed by the Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution? F "He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly." G "For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury" H "He has obstructed the Laws for establishing Judiciary powers." J "For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us"	Which part of the excerpt BEST describes the reason for the Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution? Select ONE correct answer. "For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world: For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent: For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury: For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences" Declaration of Independence, 1776	

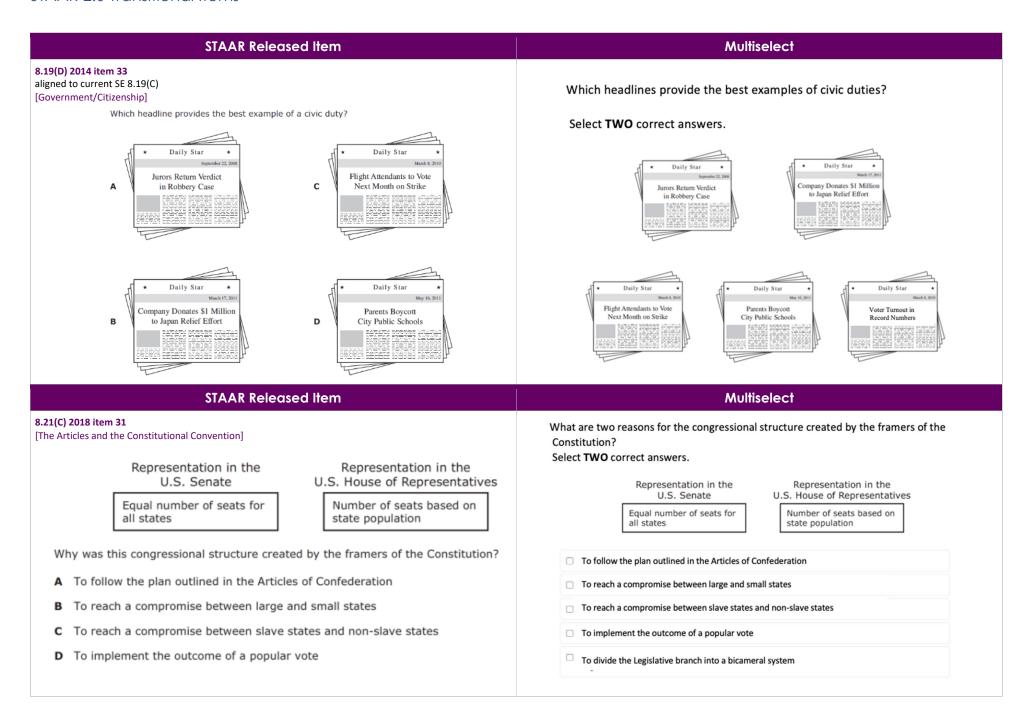


	STAAI	R Released Item		Match	Table Grid	
8.4(E) 2019 it [Ratification [
	hich chart correctly identifies i S. Constitution?	reasons for and against ratifica	ation of the proposed	What was the climate and product produced by the colonial regions? Select the correct answer in each row.		
F	Should the Proposed U.S	. Constitution Be Ratified?		Should the Proposed U.S. Constitution Be Ratified?		
	For	Against				
	The proposed document expands state authority.	The proposed document lacks a provision for a central bank.			For	Against
				The proposed document increases power of the national government.		
G	·	. Constitution Be Ratified?		The proposed document lacks a Bill of Rights.		
	For The proposed document	Against The proposed document		The proposed document threatens		
	prevents foreign entanglements.	restricts the legislative branch.		individual liberties.		
	entangements.	ordine		The proposed document provides a balance between the state and national governments.		
н	Should the Proposed U.S	. Constitution Be Ratified?				
	For	Against				
	The proposed document increases the power of the national government.	The proposed document lacks a bill of rights.				
J	Should the Proposed U.S	. Constitution Be Ratified?				
	For	Against				
	The proposed document expands the power of local governments.	The proposed document limits the authority of the executive branch.				



STAAR Released Item	Multipart		
8.19(D) 2018 item 33 aligned to current SE 8.19(C) [Government/Citizenship]	This question has two parts.		
All you need is an open mind and a readiness to work with the other[s] to make decisions. You also need to be impartial—in other words, your decisions must not be influenced by personal feelings and biases. This statement is most likely from a handbook designed to prepare citizens for — A voting in elections B jury duty C paying income taxes D military service	All you need is an open mind and a readiness to work with the other[s] to make decisions. You also need to be impartial—in other words, your decisions must not be influenced by personal feelings and biases. Part A This statement is most likely from a handbook designed to prepare citizens for ② voting in elections ③ jury duty ③ paying income taxes ③ military service Part B Which statement BEST supports your answer to Part A? ④ "You need to be impartial" ③ "all you need is" ⑤ "readiness to work" ⑥ "to make decisions"		





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Early Republic

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	STAAR Released Item	Drag and Drop			
8.5(C) 2014 item 42 [Formation of Political Parties]		Which characteristics about Federalists and Democratic-Republicans best complete the diagram?			
	ralists and the Democratic-Republicans emerged as separate political parties partly lt of disagreement over —	Move the answers to the correct boxes.			
F how	he nation should develop economically	Economic emphasis on Believed in a strong Central manufacturing, shipping and trade government			
G whet	ner to enforce the Monroe Doctrine	Raligued States' Rights were			
H how	the nation should admit new states	Economic emphasis on agriculture more important			
J whet	ner to approve the Declaration of Independence	Federalists Democratic - Republicans			
	STAAR Released Item	Inline Choice			
8.5(E) 2016 it [Setting the P	em 44 recedent: The First Six Presidents]	Complete the text below.			
	Tis our true policy to steer clear of with any portion of the foreign World—So far, I mean, as we are now at liberty to do it But in my opinion, it is unnecessary and would be unwise to extend them. —President George Washington's Farewell Address, 1796	permanent alliances of forming political parties 'Tis our true policy to steer clear of \$\hfill\text{\$\circ}\$ with any portion of the foreign World—So far, I mean, as we are now at			
Which phrase completes this excerpt?		liberty to do it But in my opinion, it is unnecessary and would be unwise to extend them.			
F colonial Settlements		- President George Washington's Farewell Address, 1776			
G protective Tariffs		- Fresident George Washington's Farewell Address, 1776			
H pern	H permanent Alliances				
J terri	corial Disputes				



STAAR Released Item

8.5(E) 2016 item 44

[National Security and Foreign Policy of the Early Republic]

His Foresight



Europe: You're not the only rooster in South America! Uncle Sam: I was aware of that when I cooped you up!

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The U.S. foreign policy illustrated in this cartoon was intended to -

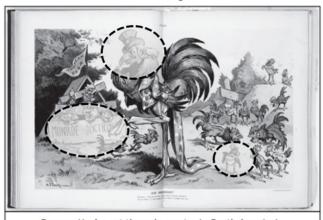
- F prevent further European colonization in the Western Hemisphere
- G deter Spain from inciting revolution in former U.S. colonies
- H encourage European powers to invest in Latin America
- J keep the war between France and Spain from spreading to Latin America

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Hot Spot

Select the **BEST** evidence in the cartoon that supports that statement.

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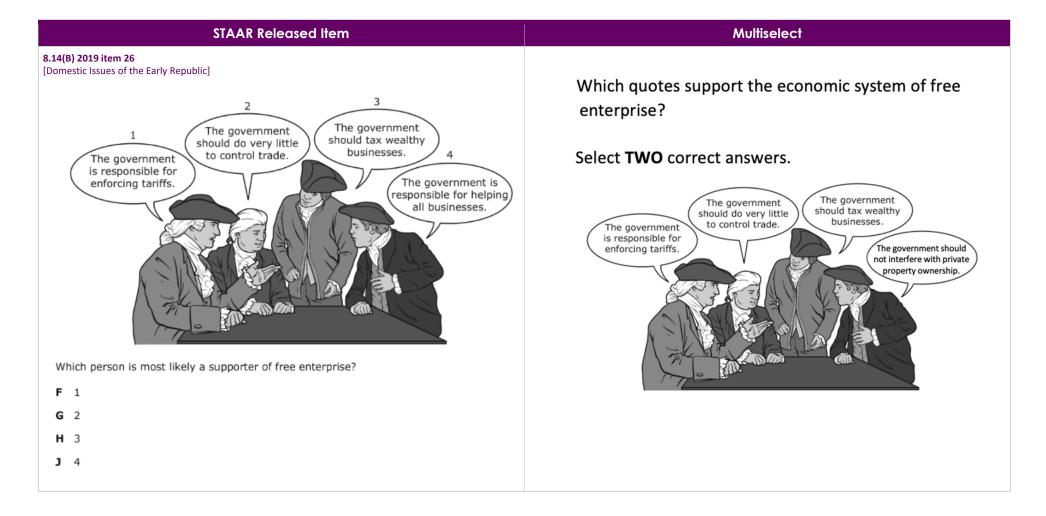




STAAR Released Item **Multiselect** 8.12(D) 2019 item 42 aligned to current SE 8.12(C) What are two impacts that the Embargo of 1807 had on the New England region? [Domestic Issues of the Early Republic] Select TWO correct answers. Regional Impacts of the Embargo of 1807 Regional Impacts of the Embargo of 1807 The West New England The West The South New England The South Planters suffered Planters suffered Wheat and corn financial losses Wheat and corn financial losses prices dropped as because surplus prices dropped as because surplus supplies flooded the tobacco and cotton domestic market. could not be supplies flooded the tobacco and cotton exported. domestic market. could not be exported. Prices for manufactured goods decreased. ☐ There was a decline in foreign trade. Which sentence best completes this table? Factories closed as workers returned to farms. F Prices for manufactured goods decreased. **G** Factories closed as workers returned to farms. Damage to the commercial shipping industry. **H** A decline in foreign trade damaged the commercial shipping industry. ☐ Fishing revenues decreased as a result of reduced demand. **J** Fishing revenues decreased as a result of reduced demand. STAAR Released Item **Drag and Drop** 8.13(A) 2015 item 48 [National Security and Foreign Policy of the Early Republic] What is the correct sequence of the events below? Move the answers to the correct boxes. The War U.S. manufacturing of 1812 The supply of U.S. expands. begins. The War of manufacturing British goods 1812 begins. expands. decreases. Which sentence best completes the diagram? F The supply of British goods decreases. Congress ends the European embargo. H Exports to Great Britain increase. J Congress reduces tariffs.

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Industrialization



STAAR Released Item **Inline Choice** 8.10(C) 2018 item 16 [Effects of Industrialization] Population of Selected U.S. Cities, 1840-1870 Population of Selected U.S. Cities, 1840-1870 Urban Area 1840 1850 1860 1870 1840 1850 1860 1870 Urban Area New York, NY 312,710 515,547 813,669 942,292 New York, NY 312,710 515,547 813,669 942,292 Baltimore, MD 102,313 169,054 212,418 267,354 Baltimore, MD 102,313 169,054 212,418 267,354 New Orleans, LA 102,193 116,375 168,675 191,418 New Orleans, LA 102,193 116,375 168,675 191,418 Philadelphia, PA 93,665 121,376 565,529 674,022 121,376 565,529 674,022 93,3 Increased Philadelphia, PA 93,665 Boston, MA 177,840 250,526 Source: U.S. Census Bureau Boston, MA 93,383 136,881 177,840 250,526 decreased Source: U.S. Census Bureau The population in New York c drastically from 1840 to 0 1870. This statistic illustrates The statistics in this table illustrate population changes associated with the rise of industrialism in the U.S. F the rise of industrialism in the United States the establishment of a federal G the establishment of a federal income tax income tax H a prolonged food shortage in the United States **J** a lengthy war over disputed territory STAAR Released Item **Hot Text** 8.23(A) 2015 item 24 [Factors of Industrialization] Which part of this letter reveals the main reason for the surge in Irish

I am exceedingly well pleased at coming to this land of plenty. . . . I would advise all my friends to quit Ireland—the country most dear to me; as long as they remain in it they will be in bondage and misery. . . . What you labour for is sweetened by contentment and happiness; there is no failure in the potato crop, and you can grow Indian corn, and every crop you wish. . . . I shudder when I think that starvation prevails to such an extent in poor Ireland.

-Letter from an Irish immigrant to The Times of London, May 14, 1850

Which quotation from this letter reveals the main reason for the surge in Irish immigration to the United States in the mid-nineteenth century?

- F "I am exceedingly well pleased at coming to this land of plenty."
- **G** "I would advise all my friends to guit Ireland. . . . "
- "What you labour for is sweetened by contentment and happiness. . . ."
- J "There is no failure in the potato crop. . . ."

immigration to the United States in the mid-nineteenth century?

Select **ONE** correct answer.

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	STAAR Released Item	Multiselect	
8.27(D) 2015 item 29 aligned to current SE 8.27(C) [Free Enterprise and Innovation]		What are two reasons for the passage of the Pacific Railway Act in 1862?	
	Reasons for Passage of the Pacific Railway Act	Select TWO correct answers. Reasons for Passage of the Pacific Railway Act	
	To aid in the construction of a telegraph line To provide transport for military purposes To connect California to the rest of the Union	To aid in the construction of a telegraph line To provide transport for military purposes To connect California to the rest of the Union	
What was another reason Congress passed this act in 1862? A To promote settlement in the West B To protect industry in the Northeast C To improve transportation in the South		☐ To promote settlement in the West ☐ To protect industry in the Northeast	
		□ To improve access to markets in the West □ To improve transportation in the South □ To transport manufactured goods to the East	
			D To transport r