
GRADE 7 – TIER 2 – EMERGING

A seventh grade Tier 2 student performing at the *Emerging* Level demonstrates a progressing academic awareness of the knowledge, skills, and processes outlined by the Pennsylvania Alternate Eligible Content.

Students performing at this level demonstrate these abilities by

- ✓ identifying the basic theme or central message,
- ✓ identifying the meaning of common words and phrases using context,
- ✓ answering literal questions.

GRADE 7 – TIER 2 – NOVICE

A seventh grade Tier 2 student performing at the *Novice* Level demonstrates a developing academic awareness of the knowledge, skills, and processes outlined by the Pennsylvania Alternate Eligible Content.

In addition to the skills demonstrated by students performing at the *Emerging* level, students performing at this level demonstrate these abilities by

- ✓ identifying the primary claim/argument made by the author,
- ✓ identifying key details to summarize a text,
- ✓ identifying the meaning of common words and phrases using context and/or prefixes, suffixes and roots,
- ✓ identifying the author’s point of view and an alternate point of view in a text,
- ✓ identifying how 2 or more text features fit into text structure,
- ✓ answering basic inferential questions.

GRADE 7 – TIER 2 – PROFICIENT

A seventh grade Tier 2 student performing at the *Proficient* Level demonstrates an essential academic awareness of the knowledge, skills, and processes outlined by the Pennsylvania Alternate Eligible Content.

In addition to the skills demonstrated by students performing at the *Novice* Level, students performing at this level demonstrate these abilities by

- ✓ identifying the meaning of multiple-meaning words and figurative language,
- ✓ identifying two central themes or main ideas,
- ✓ identifying similarities and differences in how 2 or more characters think or feel,
- ✓ identifying how word choice can impact comprehension,
- ✓ identifying how 2 interactions between individuals, events, or ideas, contribute to the plot.

GRADE 7 – TIER 2 – ADVANCED

A seventh grade Tier 2 student performing at the *Advanced* Level demonstrates a consistent academic awareness of the knowledge, skills, and processes outlined by the Pennsylvania Alternate Eligible Content.

In addition to the skills demonstrated by students performing at the *Proficient* Level, students performing at this level demonstrate these abilities by

- ✓ answering literal and inferential questions and supporting choices by citing details and evidence from the text,
- ✓ identifying the relationship between multiple story elements,

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- ✓ identifying similarities and differences in a fictional portrayal and a historical account of the same period,
 - ✓ using context to infer meaning of an unknown word.