

PARCC 7th Grade Performance Task on Amelia Earhart

Part 1 of 7th grade PARCC Performance Task

This first part asks students to focus on one aspect of Earhart's life.

Question: Based on the information in the text "Biography of Amelia Earhart," write an essay that summarizes and explains the challenges Earhart faced throughout her life. Remember to use textual evidence to support your ideas.

Part 2 of 7th grade PARCC Performance Task

In this part students are asked to show their ability to read carefully and accurately.

Below are three claims that one could make based on the article "Earhart's Final Resting Place Believed Found."

- Earhart and Noonan lived as castaways on Nikumaroro Island.
- Earhart and Noonan's plane crashed into the Pacific Ocean.
- People don't really know where Earhart and Noonan died.

Part A

Highlight the claim that is supported by the most relevant and sufficient evidence within "Earhart's Final Resting Place Believed Found."

Part B

Click on two facts within the article that best provide evidence to support the claim selected in Part A.

Like the SBAC performance task, this one requires students to read strategically to gather information. When they have completed this section, students turn to the part that requires more extended writing.

Part 3 of 7th grade PARCC Performance Task

This part of the test requires students to draw on multiple texts to make an argument.

Constructed Response from Research Simulation Task (analytical essay)

You have read three texts describing Amelia Earhart. All three include the claim that Earhart was a brave, courageous person. The three texts are:

- "Biography of Amelia Earhart"
- "Earhart's Final Resting Place Believed Found"
- "Amelia Earhart's Life and Disappearance"

Consider the argument each author uses to demonstrate Earhart's bravery.

Write an essay that analyzes the strength of the arguments about Earhart's bravery in at least two of the texts. Remember to use textual evidence to support your ideas.