

SAT STRUCTURE (READING TEST)

The SAT Reading Test will focus on your comprehension and reasoning skills when presented with challenging extended prose passages taken from a variety of content areas.

SAT Reading: TEST OVERVIEW	
Timing	65 minutes
Questions	52 passage-based multiple-choice questions
Passages	4 single passages; 1 set of paired passages
Passage Length	500-700 words per passage or passage set

Passages will draw from **U.S. and World Literature, History/Social Studies, and Science**. One set of History/Social Studies or Science passages will be paired. History/Social Studies and Science passages can also be accompanied by **graphical representations** of data such as charts, graphs, tables, etc.

SAT Reading: PASSAGE TYPE	
U.S. and World Literature	1 passage with 10 questions
History/Social Studies	2 passages or 1 passage and 1 paired-passage set with 10-11 questions each
Science	2 passages or 1 passage and 1 paired-passage set with 10-11 questions each

The multiple-choice questions for each passage will be **arranged in order from the more general to the more specific** so that you can actively engage with the entire passage before answering questions about details.

SAT Reading: SKILLS TESTED	
Information & Ideas	Close reading, citing textual evidence, determining central ideas and themes
Summarizing	Understanding relationships, interpreting words and phrases in context
Rhetoric	Analyzing word choice, assessing overall text structure, assessing part-whole relationships, analyzing point of view, determining purpose, analyzing arguments
Synthesis	Analyzing multiple texts, analyzing quantitative information