

# Prove it!!! \*this is a two page handout, scroll down for the example page.

On the upcoming PARCC test, you will be expected to **provide proof** for your answers by citing or referring to the text. Use these sentence starters and examples below to check to see if you are using the language of PROOF that is required.

## Textual Evidence Sentence Starters

On page \_\_\_\_\_, it said, “\_\_\_\_\_.”

The author wrote “\_\_\_\_\_.”

The author stated.....

The graphic showed.....

The illustration shows.....

For instance, .....

This incident provides proof that \_\_\_\_\_

This example provides evidence that \_\_\_\_\_

An example is.....

An example on page \_\_\_\_\_, is.....

According to the text, .....

In the text it said, “\_\_\_\_\_”

In the text on page \_\_\_\_\_, it said, “\_\_\_\_\_.”

We can infer from this example in the text .....

We know this because.....

## **Examples of text based evidence in action:**

**In paragraph 5, the narrator states** that the girls nibbled half of their cookies and saved the rest for their baby sister.

(Little House in the Big Woods by Mary Ingalls Wilder)

**It is obvious** that Heidi loves animals. **For instance**, she cares for the goats and plays with them every day.

(Heidi by Johanna Spyri)

**According to page 2 of the article**, Artic sea life includes “...little single-celled creatures, called radiolarians, that look like lacy snowflakes.”

(Men, Microscopes, and Living Things by Katherine B. Shippen)

**Based on the information in Captain Scott’s diary**, bad weather impeded his attempt to reach the South Pole.

(Captain Scott’s Last Expedition by Captain Robert Scott)

**When** Tom is told to whitewash the fence, he tricks others into doing it for him. **This incident provides further proof** that Tom is clever and crafty.

(The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain)

**The author states** that young Abe Lincoln was always reading and that he studied past midnight on most nights.

(Abe Lincoln Grows Up by Carl Sandberg)

\*Direct material from the text should be enclosed in quotation marks. Otherwise note where the information is found in the text and paraphrase. Ex: In paragraph 3, we can tell that the main character is not happy about her father visiting because she is described as folding her arms across her chest and scowling.