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| **8th Grade Reading** |
| **Standard** | **3.0 Items (*2016 Release STAAR Skies Over Sweetwater)*** |
| 8.6AAnalyze​ ​linear​ ​plot​ ​developments (e.g., conflict, rising action, falling action, resolution, subplots) to determine whether and how conflicts are resolve8.6A 8.6B A Analyze how the central characters’ qualities influence the theme of a fictional workB. Analyze how the central characters’ qualities influence the resolution of the central conflict.8.6BA Analyze how the central characters’ qualities influence the theme of a fictional workB. Analyze how the central characters’ qualities influence the resolution of the central conflict. | 8.6 A3.0Determine whether the conflict was resolved by analyzing these elements of plot (rising action, falling action, resolution, subplots) and if so, use text evidence from *Skies over Sweetwater* to support your answer with at least 2 examples from the text to support your response. |
|  | **8.6A****2.0 Items**Analyze​ ​linear​ ​plot​ ​developments using Skies over Sweetwater1. What event from the excerpt suggest that Byrd will resolve her conflict?

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| 8.6B3.0A. Explain the theme of the story and how it impacts Byrd’s desire to be a pilot?B. Read this sentence from paragraph 10.  *When I snuck back into the kitchen a few hours later to retrieve it, the heat from the gaslight had cooked the spine, leaving a smoldering black mark.* *Byrd’s actions in this sentence best demonstrate her ----?*1. Determination to make her mother espect her personal choices
2. Persistence in pursuing her own interests despite the opinions of others
3. Ability to have a positive outlook while encountering challenging circumstances
4. Decisiveness about taking action to do what is best for her family

C. Describe the central characters qualities (Byrd) and how it impacts the resolution of the conflict.8.6B2.0Analyze​ ​linear​ ​plot​ ​developments using Skies over Sweetwater1. What event from the excerpt suggest that Byrd will resolve her conflict?

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