**LA 4 Final Exam Passage Practice**

**Directions: Complete this on your own to prepare for this week’s Common Assessment Final. \*First*, THOUGHTFULLY* analyze and annotate/highlight the questions on page 3.\*Second, *THOUGHTFULLY* read and annotate the passage keeping the questions in mind.\* Third, *THOUGHTFULLY* answer each question.**

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**Chicago Is a City of Possibilities**

*CCSSR2—analyze a passage to infer the central message and related claims; analyze the writer’s*

*choices (CCSSR5)*

Deval Patrick was a child in Chicago, living in the Robert Taylor Homes, a public housing project. Mrs.

Eddie Quaintance, his teacher, realized how bright he was and arranged for him to apply for a

scholarship. He got that scholarship and continued to get a great education and then good jobs. Today

he is governor of Massachusetts. Read his inauguration speech to learn about his ideas.

For a very long time now we have been told that government is bad, that it exists only to serve the powerful and well-connected, that its job is not important enough to be done by anyone competent, let alone committed, and that all of us are on our own. Today we join together in common cause to lay that fallacy to rest, and to extend a great movement based on shared responsibility from the corner office to the corner of your block and back again.

My journey here has been an improbable one. From a place where hope withers, through great schools and challenging opportunities, to this solemn occasion, I have been supported and loved and lifted up. And I thank the family, the mentors, the teachers - every one of whom is here today in body or in spirit - just as I thank the tens of thousands of campaign volunteers and millions of voters across the Commonwealth who shared this improbable journey with me.

America herself is an improbable journey. People have come to these shores from all over the world, in all manner of boats, and built from a wilderness one of the most remarkable societies in human history. We are most remarkable not just for our material accomplishments or military might, but because of the ideals to which we have dedicated ourselves. We have defined those ideals over time and through struggle as equality, opportunity and fair play – ideals about universal human dignity. For these, at the end of the day, we are the envy to the world. …

I am descended from people once forbidden their most basic and fundamental freedoms, a people desperate for a reason to hope and willing to fight for it. And so are you. So are you. Because the Amistad was not just a Black man's journey; it was an American journey. This Commonwealth - and the Nation modeled on it - is at its best when we show we understand a faith in what's possible, and the willingness to work for it.

And I see above all the imagination, the compassion and the energy of our people. I see what we are capable of - not just as a matter of history, but as a matter of character. And I am asking you to touch that part of our shared legacy, and reach with me for something better.

I know that we can have more and better jobs, and a stronger economy. But we will need the best prepared workforce on the planet, simpler and faster regulatory processes, a stable and simplified corporate tax structure, and a more cooperative relationship between labor and business. Let's reach for that.

I know we can have better schools to support that emerging economy, and to prepare today's and tomorrow's citizens. But we will need high expectations for our kids at home as well as at schools, more flexibility in the classrooms and even in what we consider to be a "classroom," early education and after-school programs, and public colleges and universities every bit as well-supported and honored as their private counterparts. Let's reach for that.

I know we can have more accessible and more affordable health care for ourselves and our families. But it will take transparency among clinicians and health insurers, a system of care that makes more use of community settings, simplified administrative systems, and government stewardship for the good of the whole. Let's reach for that.

I know we can have safer neighborhoods. But it will take more community-based

Focus Analyze Think More Make Progress patrols, after-school and enrichment programs, summer job and volunteer opportunities for young people, training and pre-release preparation for inmates, and sensible reform of both CORI and sentencing. Let's reach for that.

We know what to do. We know that our challenges were long in the making and will require long-term solutions. We know what to reach for. And we ought to know that either we invest today or we will surely pay excessively tomorrow. We know that investment in education today beats investment in prisons tomorrow.

Quick fixes, gimmicks and sound bites are not enough. That's not in the spirit of what built this country. That is not what cleared the forest and planted New England's earliest farms. It's not what inspired our great universities and museums. It's not what created the boom in textile manufacturing in its time or a flourishing biotech industry today. It's not what freed the colonies from oppression or the slaves from bondage or women from second class citizenship.

What has distinguished us at every signature moment of our history is the willingness to look a challenge right in the eye, the instinct to measure it against our ideals, and the sustained dedication to close the gap between the two. That is who we are.

**Final Exam Review Practice – Individual Article: “Chicago Is a City of Possibilities”**

1. What is the **tone** of this speech? Write one sentence of **textual evidence** which reveals the tone to the audience. Finally, **highlight** **and label** (“tone”) the paragraph that best supports the tone in the article.

2. What is the **claim**? Write the claim in **your own words**. Finally, **highlight** **and label** (“claim”) the sentence or paragraph that best supports the claim in the article.

3. Write the **counter claim**/ counter argument in your own words. Finally, **highlight and label** (“counter-argument”) the sentence or paragraph that best reveals the counter-argument in the article.

4**. INFER** the meaning of these four words based on the context of the passage. **Write** the **INFERED DEFINITION** next to each word. Then, write the **context clues** that helped you decode the word. Each word is boxed in the article.

***Fallacy, paragraph 1***: inferred definition-

context clues-

***improbable, paragraph 3***: inferred definition-

context clues -

***modeled, paragraph 4***: inferred definition-

context clues-

***counterparts paragraph 7***: inferred definition-

context clues-

5. Find one example of **figurative language**. Identify the ***TYPE*** of figurative language and write the sentence (***evidence***) below. Then, explain **what** the figurative language helps to describe. **Why** does the writer chose to include the figurative language.

6. What kind of person is **Deval Patrick**? Write **evidence** from the text for support.

7. What are **two ways** Patrick suggests for making schools in Chicago better? Are his solutions practical? **Why or why not**?

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8. What, specifically, would this type of writing be called? Why is this the **best** format to use with the audience?

9. WHO is the **intended audience** for this piece of writing? **HOW** does Patrick make a connection with his readers? Write **textual evidence** that supports Patrick’s connection with his readers. (Add more below the line if necessary.)