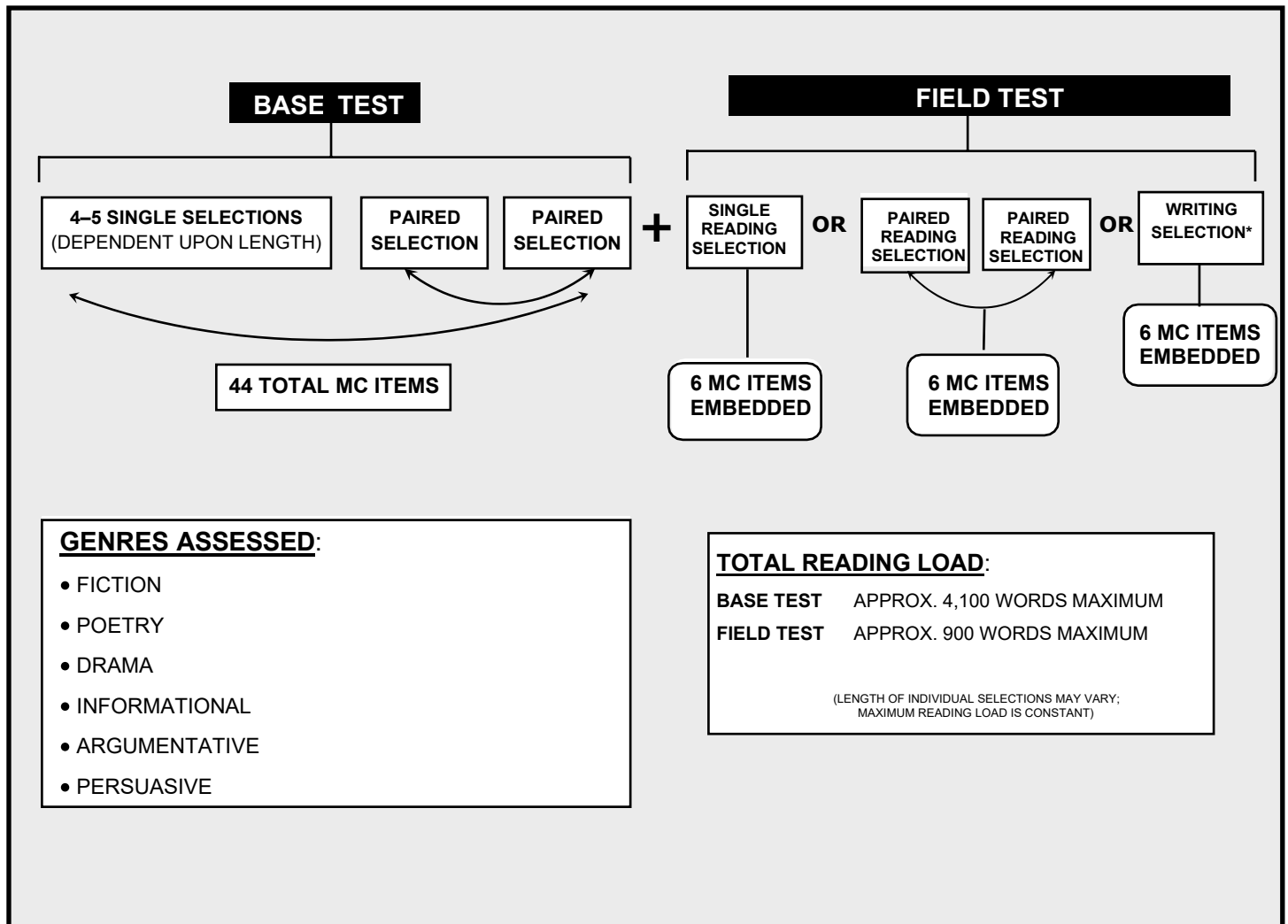
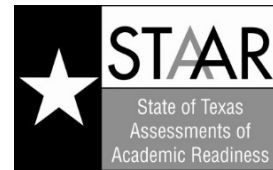


STAAR® Grade 8 Reading 2021-2022 Test Design



*Writing selection will be either a single revising selection or two short editing selections.

Explanation:

The 2021-2022 STAAR grade 8 reading base tests will include four to five single reading selections, a paired selection, and 44 multiple-choice items. The field test will include one of the following: a single reading selection with 6 multiple-choice items, a paired reading selection with 6 multiple-choice items, a single revising selection with 6 multiple-choice items, or two short editing selections with a total of 6 multiple-choice items. Genres that may appear on the test include fiction, poetry, drama, literary nonfiction, informational, argumentative, and persuasive. The total reading load for the base test is approximately 4,100 words maximum. The total reading load for the field test is approximately 900 words maximum. Although the length of individual selections may vary, the maximum reading load of the test is constant.