

# 2018 PARCC testing at Crestwood School

## Reading Test-Taking Tips

- Read the questions carefully. Look for negative words that can change the meaning. (not, the opposite of, antonym, except)
- Try out synonyms in the original sentence.
- Read ALL of the answers carefully.
- Reread parts of the passage to look for answers.
- Make sure you answer the question asked. Don't choose an answer just because it is a fact from the text.
- Use context clues to define words by reading the sentence that contains the word as well as the sentences before and after that sentence.
- Practice scanning.
- Look for "order words" to help put events in sequence. (first, before, next, then, after, finally)
- Look for the main idea at the beginning and the end of the passage.
- Use clues to decide how the author feels.

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