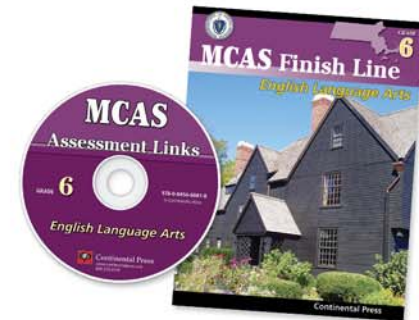


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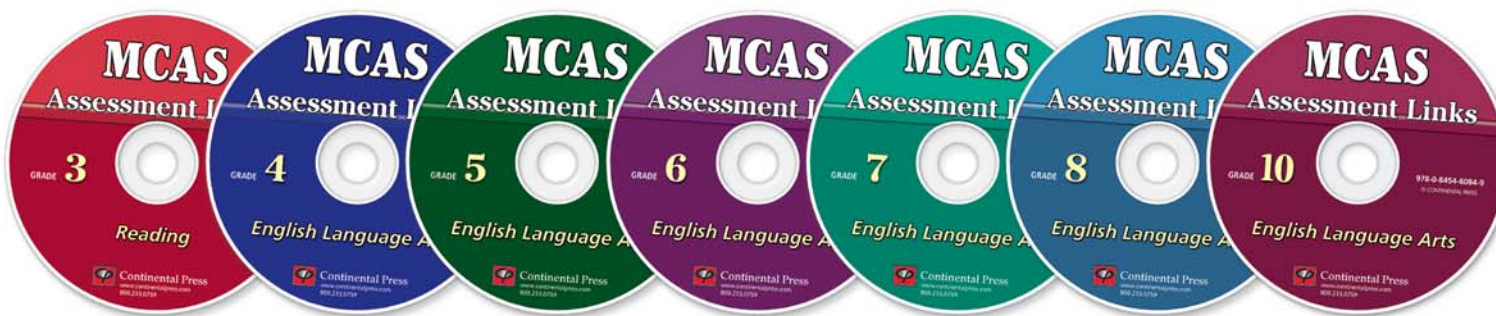
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MCAS ELA Assessment Links is an easy-to-use diagnostic CD that identifies student performance gaps and prescribes remediation in the *MCAS Finish Line ELA* workbook series. Standards tested are the same as those on the DCCAS.



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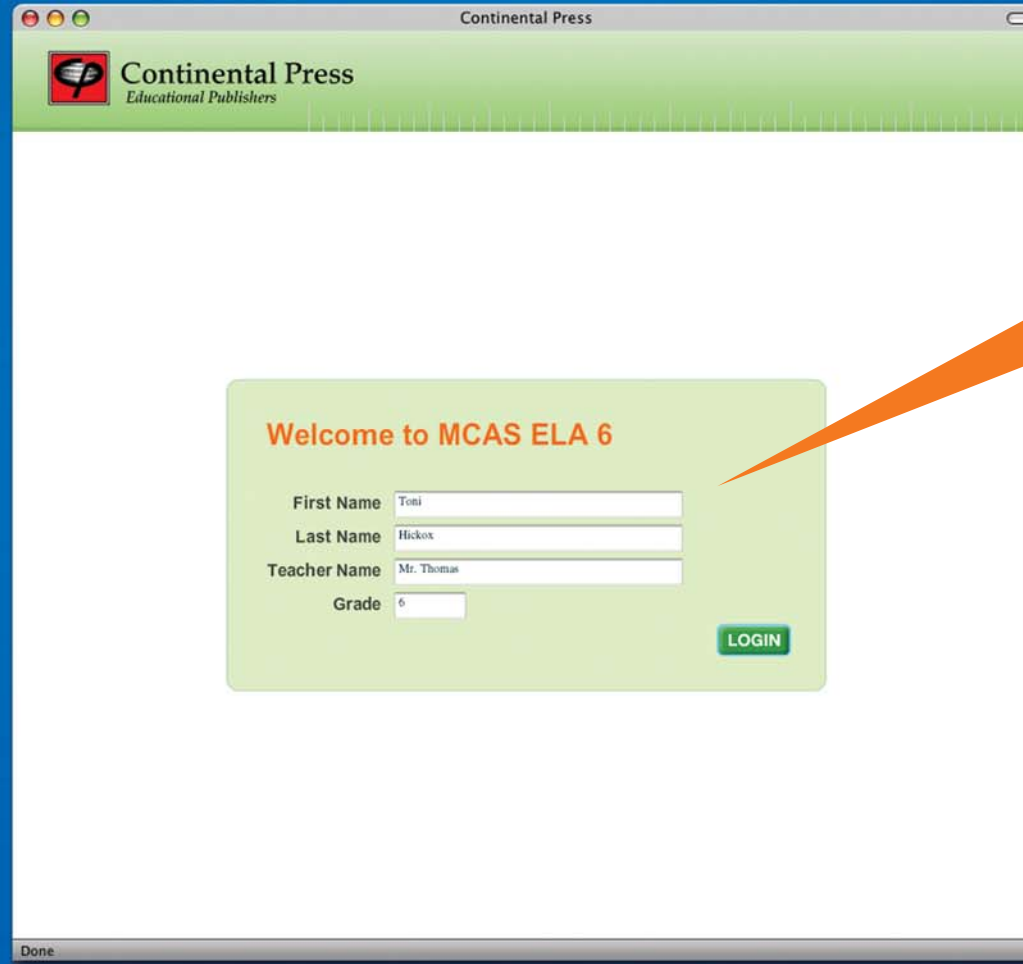


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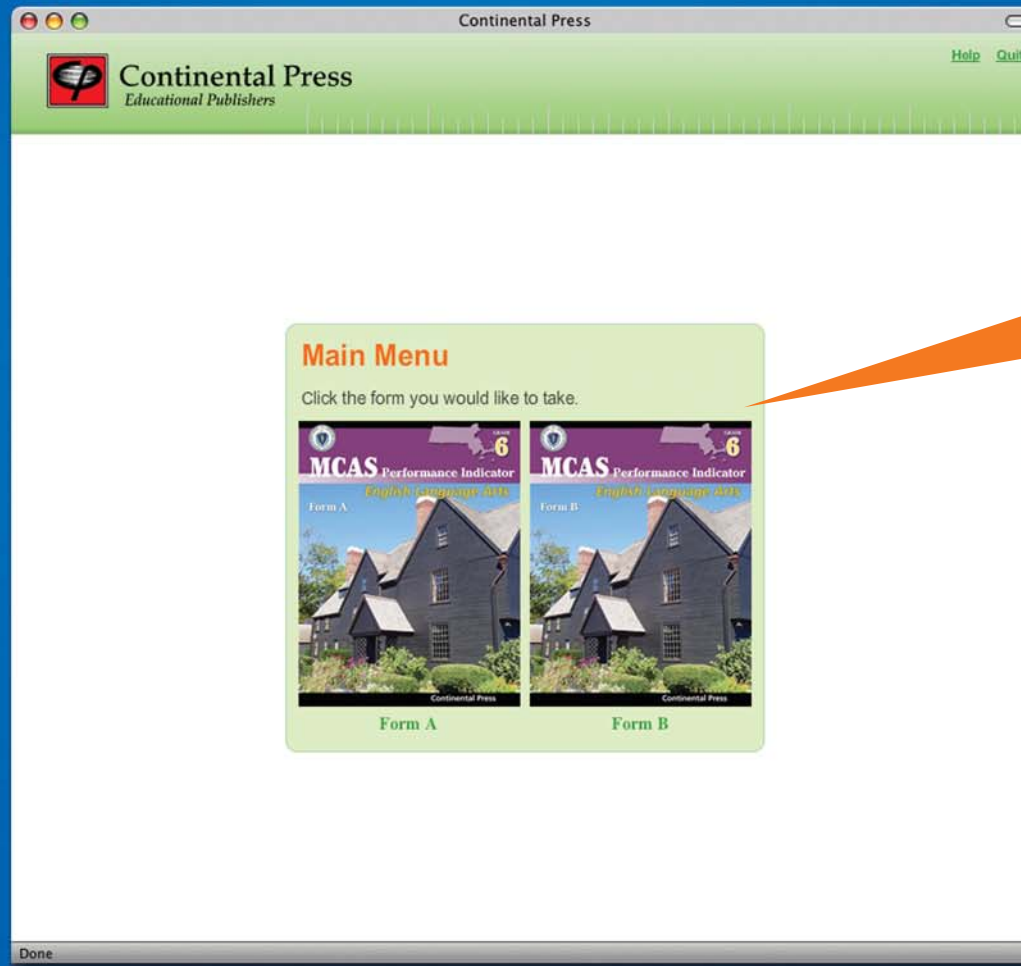


The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Continental Press". The header features the Continental Press logo and the text "Continental Press Educational Publishers". The main content area displays a green box with the heading "Welcome to MCAS ELA 6". Below the heading are four input fields: "First Name" with the value "Toni", "Last Name" with the value "Hickox", "Teacher Name" with the value "Mr. Thomas", and "Grade" with the value "6". A green "LOGIN" button is positioned to the right of the input fields. The browser's status bar at the bottom shows "Done".

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Based on your direction, students will select either Form A or B of the *MCAS ELA Performance Indicator*. The forms are equivalent in difficulty, so you can give either form at any time during the school year.



Two tests are available.

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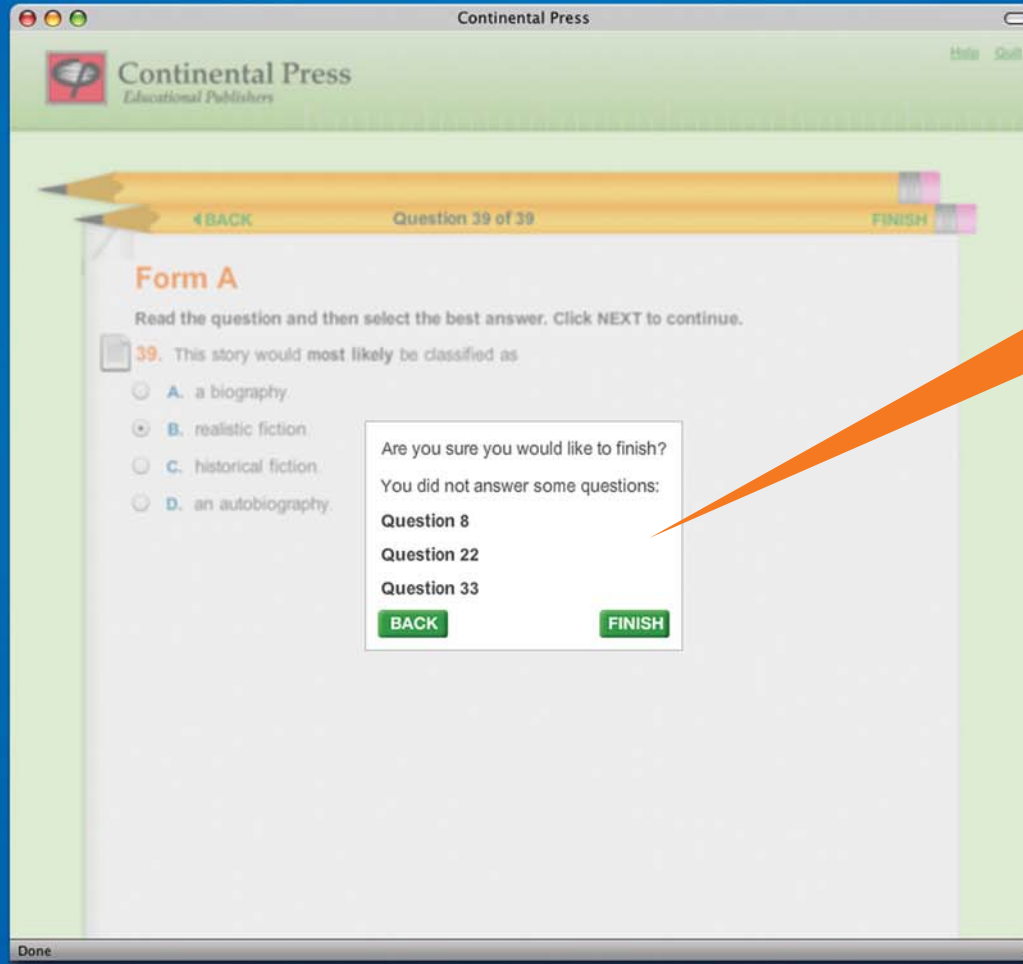
Students will read stories, poems, and nonfiction articles and then answer multiple-choice questions to test comprehension. Each form includes 39 questions.

Click the passage viewer icon to reread a passage.

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Continental Press" with the logo and "Educational Publishers" text. At the top, there are navigation buttons: "BACK", "Question 26 of 39", and "NEXT". Below this is "Form A" with instructions: "Read the question and then select the best answer. Click NEXT to continue." The question is: "26. How does Ethan most likely feel he is being treated when his mom speaks to him at the end of the play?" with four radio button options: A. well, B. cruelly, C. unfairly, and D. normally. A "Passage Viewer" window is open below the question, displaying the title "How Not to Babysit Your Sister" by Carrie Adams. The passage includes character lists (Mom, Ethan, Amy, Grandma, Fido) and a stage set description.

Questions test the D.C. Learning Standards for Reading/English Language Arts.

After putting their knowledge to the test, students are ready to finish the form.



Alerts prompt students to go back and complete any unanswered questions.

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Answers are instantly scored and a prescriptive report is generated. Students need to print the report for a record of their work.

An easy-to-use correlation chart accompanies the CD to help you match the report's MCAS standards to your DCCAS standards and assign the appropriate MCAS Finish Line ELA workbook lesson(s) for remediation.

Incorrect answers are highlighted for easy scanning.

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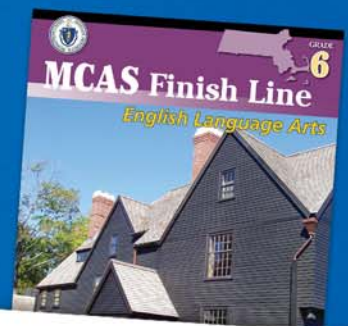
You must click **Print** before exiting this screen.

MCAS ELA 6 - Form A

Student Name	Teacher Name	Grade
Toni Hickox	Mr. Thomas	6

Start Date	End Date	# Correct	# Answered	# in Test	% Correct
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Item	Response	Answer	Skill	Standard	Workbook	Lesson
1	C	C	Main Idea & Details	8.22	MCAS Finish Line ELA 6	Lesson 5
2	A	D	Main Idea & Details	13.17	MCAS Finish Line ELA 6	Lesson 5
3	B	B	Organizational Structure	8.21	MCAS Finish Line ELA 6	Lesson 6
	B	B	Words in Context	4.14, 17	MCAS Finish Line ELA 6	Lesson 2
5	A	C	Facts/Main Idea/Details	8.15,18,22	MCAS Finish Line ELA 6	Lesson 9, 5
6	A	C	Facts/Main Idea/Details	8.15, 22	MCAS Finish Line ELA 6	Lesson 9, 5
7	B	B	Myths	11.3	MCAS Finish Line ELA 6	Lesson 15
8	D	D	Elements of Fiction	12.3	MCAS Finish Line ELA 6	Lesson 13
9	A	A	Elements of Fiction	8.14	MCAS Finish Line ELA 6	Lesson 13
10	A	A	Elements of Fiction	12.3	MCAS Finish Line ELA 6	Lesson 13
11	C	C	Words in Context	4.17	MCAS Finish Line ELA 6	Lesson 2
12	D	D	Inferences and Conclusions	8.2	MCAS Finish Line ELA 6	Lesson 7
13	D	D	Main Idea & Details	8.22	MCAS Finish Line ELA 6	Lesson 5

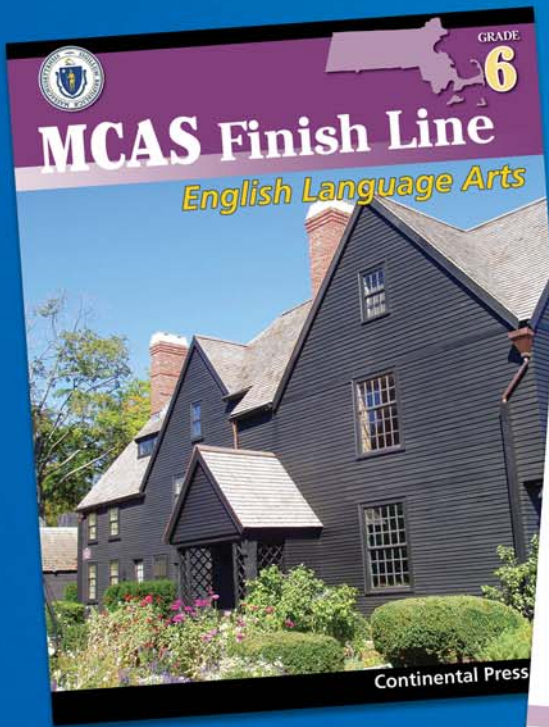


MCAS/DCCAS English Language Arts Correlation Chart
Grade 6

MCAS Finish Line English Language Arts Grade 6	MCAS Standard	DCCAS Standard	DCCAS Standard Description
Unit 1: Vocabulary Strategies			
Lesson 1: Word Parts	4.18	6.LD-V.7	Determine the meaning of unfamiliar words, using knowledge of English language structure, Greek and Latin roots (e.g., -vision, -sign), suffixes (e.g., -able, -ous), and prefixes (e.g., multi-, dis-, anti-, hyper-, hypo-).
Lesson 2: Words in Context	4.11	6.LD-V.9	Determine the meaning of figurative language, including similes, metaphors, personification, and grade-appropriate idioms.
	4.17	6.LD-V.8	Use each clue as definition, example, and restatement to determine the meanings of unfamiliar words and words with multiple meanings in context.
Lesson 3: Structure of English	5.9	6.EL.1	Identify eight basic parts of speech (noun, pronoun, verb, adverb, adjective, conjunction, preposition, interjection).
	8.11	6.EL.5	Identify and employ correct usage for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> present perfect, past perfect, and future perfect tenses; subject-verb agreement with compound subjects; indefinite pronouns; and elimination of fragments and run-ons.
	8.12	5.EL.1	Recognize that a word performs different functions according to its position in the sentence.
	8.13	6.EL.4	Identify and use simple and compound sentences.

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Use the standard-specific lessons in *MCAS Finish Line ELA* for focused instruction. Lessons feature guided practice to help students master difficult skills.




LESSON 9 **Fact, Opinion, and Point of View**
Standards 8.15, 17, 19; 13.9, 11

When you read nonfiction, you are reading facts—mostly. Some of the statements you read may be the author's opinions. As you read a statement that can be proved, it is a **fact**. A **fact** is a statement that can be proved. An **opinion** tells you how someone thinks and feels about something. It is a statement that the author can't possibly know to be a fact.

These words can be clues that the author is expressing an opinion:

think
feel
believe
seem
should
nobody
all
worst
best
never
always



Guided Practice
Read a student's editorial and answer the questions that follow.

Something really interesting is happening out west. The state of Washington recently passed a law setting up a Youth Advisory Council. It's made up of 22 kids ages 18 and younger. They will advise lawmakers on ideas relating to the interests of young people. I think something like this belongs in our state government, too. I think idea any politician has had in years.

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Which of these sentences about the play states an opinion?

- It's a tale of a boy caught up in the events leading to the American Revolution.
- Even if you have no interest in history, you'll be on the edge of your seat for this play.
- Johnny comes to know Sam Adams, Paul Revere, and other figures from history.
- Johnny Tremain is apprenticed to Mr. Lapham, a silversmith.

Three of these statements are facts about the play that anyone could prove by seeing the play. The fourth presumes that the reader will share the reviewer's opinion about the play. He has no way of knowing how "you" will feel about it. Choice B is the correct answer.

Which of these statements about the play is a fact?

- Peter Otero is disappointing as Rab.
- Lighting is used to suggest different scenes.
- North End Children's Theater does a fantastic job.
- It's easier to understand the book if you see the play first.

Which of these statements can be proved? Three of these choices are true only from the author's point of view. The one fact among them is his statement about the lighting. The correct answer is choice B.

Write your answer to this open-response question on a separate sheet of paper. Your answer should be about one-half page long.

Summarize this review. Explain whom the reviewer is writing for, and discuss how well he advances his point of view. Use important and specific information in the review to support your answer.

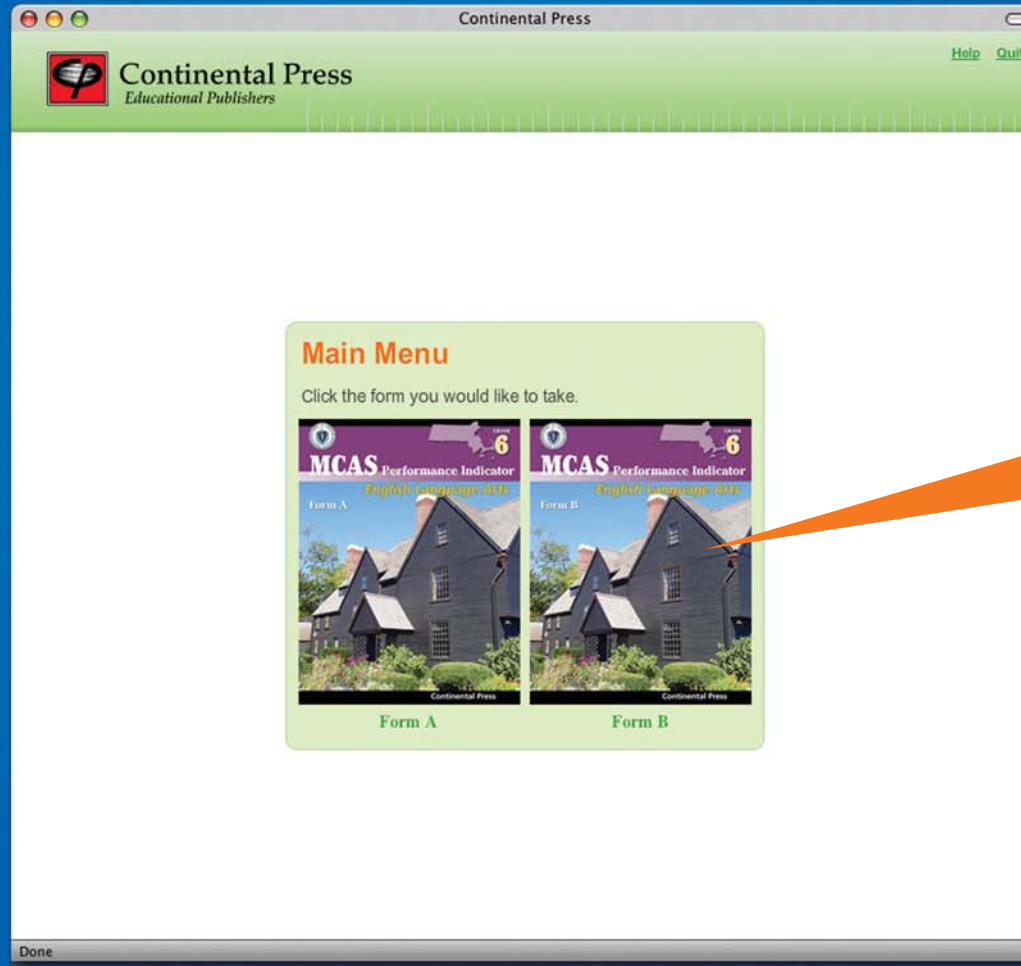
This question is asking you to do two things. When you summarize the selection, you are giving its main idea and most important supporting details. But you're also "reviewing the review"—giving your opinion about it. Here is one possible answer:

The reviewer thinks that *Johnny Tremain* is an outstanding play. . . . that children our age will find exciting. The plot involves a teenage . . . boy caught up in events of the Revolutionary War. The reviewer has . . .

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Use the second form in *MCAS ELA Assessment Links* as a follow-up test to measure progress.



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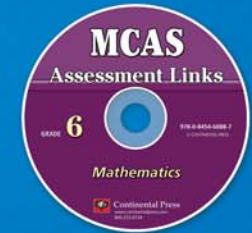
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