**NAEP 2017 Released Items Grade-4 Reading**

**Scoring Rubric – Unwrapping the Past**

1. **B.** What the study of mummies can teach us
2. **C.** They cut through the bodies.
3. **A.** was the ruler of Egypt
4. **A.** They used the results of DNA testing.
5. **Constructed Response**

**Acceptable:** Responses at this level use information from the passage to explain why scientists think the study of mummies could someday help to make sick people better.

* *The study of mummies can make people better because they help scientists understand how diseases change over time.*
* *When they learn what infected the ancient mummies, they maybe could help them find a cure to cure the infected people today.*

**Unacceptable:** Responses at this level provide inaccurate responses, irrelevant details, or personal opinions, or may simply repeat the question.

* *Because they had to cut their case open because so to see the things inside of their body.*
* *I think one day we will help sick people get better and tell people let's help this sick people.*
* *For example, in the paragraph it says "that information about mummies can cure people."*
1. **D.** information about mummies is very important to doctors
2. **Constructed Response**

**Extensive**: Responses at this level explain how the title could be seen as both good and bad. Explanations are supported with information from the article.

* *It's a good title because they were using the mummies to study the past but it's bad because it was also about other things like using mummies to find cures for todays diseases.*
* *It is a good title because they used to have to unrap the mummies to find information about mummies. It is a bad title because now the dont unrap them because they use an x-ray to look at them.*

**Essential**: Responses at this level explain how the title could be seen as either good or bad and support the explanation with information from the article. Some responses may attempt to explain the other side, but the explanation is overly general.

* *It might be a bad title because scientists today do not need to unwrap the mummies to study them.*
* *"Unwrapping the Past" is a good title because mummies were wrapped and then unwrapped in the past and mummies come from the past. "Unwrapping the Past" is a bad name because it doesnt really relate to the beginning of the story.*

**Partial**: Responses at this level explain what the title means or what the article is generally about.

* *It's a good title because it gives information about the past.*
* *Yes. The article talks about studying mummies in Egypt.*

**Unsatisfactory:** Responses at this level provide irrelevant facts, unsupported opinions, or may simply repeat the question. Some responses may give an alternative title for the article.

* *They were unwrapping a lot of mummies in the article.*
* *They used mummies to find a cure for a disease.*
* *"Unwrapping the Past" is a bad title because they never tell what they were unwrapping.*
* *I think "Researching Mummies" is a better title for the article.*
1. **C.** To gather information by examining a mummy