

GRADES 6-11
CONDENSED SCORING RUBRIC FOR PROSE CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE ITEMS
(Revised July 29, 2014)*

Research Simulation Task and Literary Analysis Task

Construct Measured	Score Point 4	Score Point 3	Score Point 2	Score Point 1	Score Point 0
Reading Comprehension of Key Ideas and Details	The student response demonstrates full comprehension of ideas stated explicitly and inferentially by providing an accurate analysis and supporting the analysis with effective and convincing textual evidence.	The student response demonstrates comprehension of ideas stated explicitly and/or inferentially by providing a mostly accurate analysis, and supporting the analysis with adequate textual evidence.	The student response demonstrates basic comprehension of ideas stated explicitly and/or inferentially by providing a generally accurate analysis and supporting the analysis with basic textual evidence.	The student response demonstrates limited comprehension of ideas stated explicitly and/or inferentially by providing a minimally accurate analysis and supporting the analysis with limited textual evidence.	The student response demonstrates no comprehension of ideas by providing inaccurate or no analysis and little to no textual evidence.
Writing Written Expression	The student response - addresses the prompt and provides effective and comprehensive development of the claim or topic that is consistently appropriate to the task by using clear and convincing reasoning supported by relevant textual evidence; - demonstrates purposeful coherence, clarity, and cohesion, making it easy to follow the writer's progression of ideas; - establishes and maintains an effective style, attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline.	The student response - addresses the prompt and provides mostly effective development of the claim or topic that is mostly appropriate to the task, by using clear reasoning supported by relevant textual evidence; - demonstrates coherence, clarity, and cohesion, making it fairly easy to follow the writer's progression of ideas; - establishes and maintains a mostly effective style, while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline.	The student response - addresses the prompt and provides some development of the claim or topic that is somewhat appropriate to the task, by using some reasoning and text-based evidence; - demonstrates some coherence, clarity, and/or cohesion, making the writer's progression of ideas usually discernible but not obvious; - has a style that is somewhat effective, generally attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline.	The student response - addresses the prompt and develops the claim or topic and provides minimal development that is limited in its appropriateness to the task by using limited reasoning and text-based evidence; <i>or</i> - is a developed, text-based response with little or no awareness of the prompt; - demonstrates limited coherence, clarity, and/or cohesion, making the writer's progression of ideas somewhat unclear; - has a style that has limited effectiveness, with limited awareness of the norms of the discipline.	The student response - is undeveloped and/or inappropriate to the task; lacks coherence, clarity, and cohesion. - has an inappropriate style, with little to no awareness of the norms of the discipline.
Writing Knowledge of Language and Conventions		The student response to the prompt demonstrates full command of the conventions of standard English at an appropriate level of complexity. There may be a few minor errors in mechanics, grammar, and usage, but meaning is clear .	The student response to the prompt demonstrates some command of the conventions of standard English at an appropriate level of complexity. There may be errors in mechanics, grammar, and usage that occasionally impede understanding , but the meaning is generally clear .	The student response to the prompt demonstrates limited command of the conventions of standard English at an appropriate level of complexity. There may be errors in mechanics, grammar, and usage that often impede understanding .	The student response to the prompt demonstrates no command of the conventions of standard English. Frequent and varied errors in mechanics, grammar, and usage impede understanding .

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Narrative Task (NT)

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Writing Written Expression	The student response - is effectively developed with narrative elements and is consistently appropriate to the task; - demonstrates purposeful coherence, clarity, and cohesion, making it easy to follow the writer's progression of ideas; - establishes and maintains an effective style, attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline.	The student response - is mostly effectively developed with narrative elements and is mostly appropriate to the task; - demonstrates coherence, clarity, and cohesion, making it fairly easy to follow the writer's progression of ideas; - establishes and maintains a mostly effective style, while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline.	The student response - is developed with some narrative elements and is somewhat appropriate to the task; - demonstrates some coherence, clarity, and/or cohesion, making the writer's progression of ideas usually discernible but not obvious; - has a style that is somewhat effective, generally attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline.	The student response - is minimally developed with few narrative elements and is limited in its appropriateness to the task; - demonstrates limited coherence, clarity, and/or cohesion, making the writer's progression of ideas somewhat unclear; - has a style that has limited effectiveness, with limited awareness of the norms of the discipline.	The student response - is undeveloped and/or inappropriate to the task; lacks coherence, clarity, and cohesion; - has an inappropriate style, with little to no awareness of the norms of the discipline.
Writing Knowledge of Language and Conventions		The student response to the prompt demonstrates full command of the conventions of standard English at an appropriate level of complexity. There may be a few minor errors in mechanics, grammar, and usage, but meaning is clear.	The student response to the prompt demonstrates some command of the conventions of standard English at an appropriate level of complexity. There may be errors in mechanics, grammar, and usage that occasionally impede understanding, but the meaning is generally clear.	The student response to the prompt demonstrates limited command of the conventions of standard English at an appropriate level of complexity. There may be errors in mechanics, grammar, and usage that often impede understanding.	The student response to the prompt demonstrates no command of the conventions of standard English. Frequent and varied errors in mechanics, grammar, and usage impede understanding.

NOTE:

- The reading dimension is not scored for elicited narrative stories.
- The elements of coherence, clarity, and cohesion to be assessed are expressed in the grade-level standards 1-4 for writing.
- Tone is not assessed in grade 6.
- Per the CCSS, narrative elements in grades 3-5 may include: establishing a situation, organizing a logical event sequence, describing scenes, objects or people, developing characters personalities, and using dialogue as appropriate. In grades 6-8, narrative elements may include, in addition to the grades 3-5 elements, establishing a context, situating events in a time and place, developing a point of view, developing characters' motives. In grades 9-11, narrative elements may include, in addition to the grades 3-8 elements, outlining step-by-step procedures, creating one or more points of view, and constructing event models of what happened. The elements to be assessed are expressed in grade-level standards 3 for writing.

A response is considered unscorable if it cannot be assigned a score based on the rubric criteria. For unscorable student responses, one of the following condition codes will be applied.

Coded Responses:

A=No response

B=Response is unintelligible or undecipherable

C=Response is not written in English

D=Off-topic

E=Refusal to respond

F=Don't understand/know

* This rubric is subject to further refinement based on research and study.