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**English Language Arts Short-Response Rubric
Grades 3–8**

2 points

- The response is accurate, complete, and fulfills all the requirements of the task. Necessary support and/or examples are included and the information given is clearly text-based. Any inferences from the text are relevant to the task.

1 point

- The response is partially accurate and fulfills some requirements of the task. Some information may be either too general, overly specific, inaccurate, confused and/or irrelevant. Some of the support and/or examples may be incomplete or omitted.

0 points

- The response is completely inaccurate and fulfills none of the requirements of the task, or the student failed to respond to the task.

NOTE: If the item is left blank, apply Condition Code A.

English Language Arts Extended-Response Reading Rubric Grade 3

3 points

The extended-response question

- Fulfills the requirements of the task
- May use sentence variety and some challenging vocabulary
- Makes effective use of relevant and accurate details from the text
- Demonstrates a thorough understanding of the text
- Establishes and maintains a clear focus
- Is fluent and easy to read and may display a sense of engagement or voice

2 points

The extended-response question

- Fulfills some requirements of the task
- Uses only simple sentences, some sentence fragments, and grade-level vocabulary
- Provides some relevant details from the text, which may include minor inaccuracies
- Demonstrates a predominantly literal understanding of the text
- Is generally focused
- Is readable and may display some sense of engagement or voice

1 point

The extended-response question

- Fulfills few requirements of the task
- Uses sentence fragments or word phrases with below-grade-level vocabulary
- Provides a general knowledge of the text or no specific details
- Demonstrates some misunderstandings or gaps in understanding the text
- Lacks focus
- Is difficult to read and has little or no sense of engagement or voice

0 points

The response is irrelevant, incoherent, incorrect, or illegible.

NOTE: If the item is left blank, apply Condition Code A.

Excerpted from the 2011 New York State Testing Program Grades 3–8 Scoring Guide

**English Language Arts Extended-Response Reading Rubric
Grades 4-8**

4 points

The extended-response question

- Fulfills the requirements of the task
- Uses sentence variety, with some challenging vocabulary
- Makes effective use of relevant and accurate details from the texts
- Demonstrates a thorough understanding of the texts
- May demonstrate inferences from the texts and maintains a clear focus
- Is fluent and easy to read and displays a sense of engagement or voice

3 points

The extended-response question

- Fulfills the requirements of the task
- Uses simple sentences with grade-level vocabulary
- Uses relevant and accurate details from the texts
- Demonstrates a predominantly literal understanding of the texts
- Maintains a predominantly clear focus
- Is fluent and easy to read and may display a sense of engagement or voice

2 points

The extended-response question

- Fulfills some requirements of the task
- Uses predominantly simple sentences, some sentence fragments, and grade-level vocabulary
- May use some relevant and accurate details from the texts
- May demonstrate some misunderstandings or gaps in understanding of the texts
- Attempts to maintain or establish a clear focus
- May be somewhat difficult to read, contain some inaccuracies, and displays no sense of engagement or voice

**English Language Arts Extended-Response Reading Rubric
Grades 4-8**

1 point

The extended-response question

- Fulfills few requirements of the task
- Uses sentence fragments or word phrases with below-grade-level vocabulary
- May use no details or irrelevant details to support the response
- May demonstrate very little understanding of the texts
- Does not establish a clear focus
- May be difficult to read, contains many inaccuracies, and displays no sense of engagement or voice

0 points

The extended-response question is irrelevant, incoherent, incorrect, or illegible.

NOTE: If the item is left blank, apply Condition Code A.