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Important Notice
2016 Grades 3-8 English Language Arts Tests
Session 2 -- All Grades

This notice pertains to the directions for the extended-response question, which is the last question, in all Grades 3-8 English Language Arts Tests Book 2s.

In the directions on Page 1 of Book 2, students are instructed that they may “plan” their writing on the Planning Page. While there are blank pages at the back of most Book 2s, these pages are not labeled Planning Page.

Please instruct all students that they may use the blank pages at the back of the test book to plan their response. Please also remind students that these pages will not count toward their final score and that their final answer must be written on the lined response space provided.

For the Book 2s for Grades 3 and 5, because there are no blank pages, proctors should give students scrap paper for their planning. These pages should be labeled with the students’ names and inserted in their test books.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you and we thank you for your hard work on behalf of the students in New York State.