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Important Notice  
2016 Grades 3–8 English Language Arts Tests  
Session 3—All Grades

In the directions on Page 1 of Book 3, students are instructed that they may plan their writing on the Planning Page. While there are blank pages at the back of most Book 3s, these pages are not labeled “Planning Page.”

Schools may address this in one of two ways:

Option 1: Schools may distribute one page of scrap paper to students and have them label this page “Planning Page.”

Option 2: Schools may have students label one of the blank pages in the back of the test book as the “Planning Page.”

In either case, please ensure that your students are clearly marking their planning page.

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.

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