

2019 NYSESLAT Writing Rubric—Grades 7–8

Dimension		Score 0 – Entering A response at this level:	Score 1 – Emerging A response at this level:	Score 2 – Transitioning A response at this level:	Score 3 – Expanding A response at this level:	Score 4 – Commanding A response at this level:
Complexity of Language		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains zero or few words or short phrases Is blank Is completely in a language other than English Is illegible or unintelligible Is completely copied text Is isolated words or a list of words or short phrases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains some words, short phrases, and occasionally simple sentences Includes at least one sentence May include adapted text in a well-constructed sentence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains mostly simple sentences Includes at least one expanded or complex sentence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains simple, expanded, and complex sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains a variety of simple, expanded, and complex sentences
Quality of Language		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains at most commonly used Tier 1 words or short phrases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains Tier 1 and common grade-level Tier 2 words and short phrases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains Tier 1 and a few grade-level Tier 2 and/or Tier 3 words and phrases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains Tier 1 and some grade-level Tier 2 and/or Tier 3 words and phrases used appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains Tier 1 and many grade-level Tier 2 and/or Tier 3 words and phrases used appropriately
Coherence of Response		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacks a clear orientation, or organized or connected ideas, or closure due to brevity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes at least one sentence that provides an orientation, organized or connected ideas, transitions, or closure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes words and sentences that provide limited orientation, organized or connected ideas, transitions, and/or closure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes words and sentences that provide partial orientation, logically organized and/or connected ideas, transitions, and closure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes sufficient orientation, logically organized and connected ideas, and closure to provide clear organization
Degree of Response	SCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacks descriptions of ideas or facts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes at least one description of an idea or a fact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes some minimally detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes many detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes many sufficiently and precisely detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both
	ECR Narrative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacks development of characters, details, or events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes at least two references to characters, details, events, or closure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes some references to characters, and limited development of details, sequenced events, and/or closure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes many references to characters, and partial development of details, sequenced events, and closure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes many and varied references to characters, and sufficiently precise details, sequenced events, and closure
	ECR Informational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacks development of claims and evidence or support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes at least one claim with evidence, support, or closure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes some linked claims and evidence, a variety of support, and/or closure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes many stated and linked claims and evidence, a variety of support, and closure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes many and varied precisely stated and linked claims and evidence, support, and closure
Mechanics		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains numerous errors that totally obscure meaning Contains words that are unclear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains many errors that often obscure meaning Contains words that may be unclear, but meaning is evident May include inventive spelling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains some errors that occasionally obscure meaning Is mostly clear May include inventive spelling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains few errors that rarely obscure meaning Is clear May include inventive spelling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains minimal or no errors that obscure meaning Is clear May include inventive spelling

Note: Responses that are **completely irrelevant** to the prompt can be scored no higher than a 1.