New York State Testing Program



Turnkey Training for Writing

Overview and Short Constructed Responses

Writing Scoring Training Overview

- Writing Rubric Overview
- Grades 3–4, 5–6, and 9–12 Short Constructed Response (SCR)
 - Sample student responses and practice items
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 - Sample student responses and practice items
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Writing Rubric Overview

- Five dimensions of the rubric in the first column
- Five performance levels across the top
- Score the response based on the best performance level for the majority of the dimensions
- Responses that are completely irrelevant to the prompt can score no higher than a 1
- Degree of Response is split into SCR, ECR Narrative, and ECR Informational
- Wording comes from Writing Targets of Measurement and Performance Level Descriptions

Five Rubric Dimensions

- Complexity of Language (CL)
 - Sentence Types:
 - Simple: The dog is barking.
 - Expanded: The dog is barking in the yard.
 - Compound: The dog is barking and it is making noise.
 - Complex: The dog is barking because he sees a squirrel.

Five Rubric Dimensions (Continued)

- Quality of Language (QL)
 - Grade-level vocabulary:
 - Tier 1: Basic vocabulary for communicative purposes
 - picture, drawing
 - Tier 2: General academic vocabulary
 - diagram of a cell
 - Venn diagram
 - Tier 3: Specific content-area vocabulary
 - mitochondria (in the cell diagram)
 - separation of powers (in a social studies Venn diagram)
- Glossary in binder appendix has additional examples

Five Rubric Dimensions (Continued)

- Coherence of Response (CR): Level of organization
- Degree of Response (DR): Level of Detail
- Mechanics (M): Use of English conventions; same across all grade levels

Application of the Holistic Writing Rubrics

- Become familiar with the rubric for the particular grade band
- Become familiar with the passage and prompt
- Read the response to the prompt
- Student responses are evaluated for total, overall performance
- Scores are assigned based on the criteria delineated in the rubric
 - Match evidence from the response to the language of the rubric
 - Look for what is included in the response, not what is missing
- The highest point on a rubric scale does not measure a "perfect" response
- On the written tests, handwriting does not count

(binder page 36 for samples and practice)

Grades 3–4: SCR Rubric

		Score 0	Score 1	Score 2	Score 3	Score 4
Dimension		Entering	Emerging	Transitioning	Expanding	Commanding
		A response at this level:	A response at this level:	A response at this level:	A response at this level:	A response at this level:
Complexity of Language		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	Contains some words, short phrases, and occasionally simple sentences Includes at least one sentence May include adapted text in a well-constructed sentence	Contains mostly simple sentences Includes at least one expanded or complex sentence	Contains simple, expanded, and complex sentences	Contains a variety of simple, expanded, and complex sentences
	Quality Language	Contains at most frequently used Tier 1 words or predictable phrases	Contains Tier 1 and common grade-level Tier 2 words and short phrases	Contains Tier 1 and a few grade-level Tier 2 words and phrases	Contains Tier 1 and some grade-level Tier 2 words and phrases	Contains Tier 1 and many grade-level Tier 2 words and phrases
	oherence Response	Lacks a clear introduction, or development of a thought or an idea, or completion due to brevity	Includes at least one sentence to introduce, develop, or complete thoughts or ideas	Includes words and sentences that provide a limited introduction, development, and/ or completion of linked thoughts, ideas, or both	Includes words and sentences that provide an introduction, development, and completion of linked thoughts, ideas, or both to provide partial organization	Includes words and sentences that provide an introduction, development, and completion of linked thoughts, ideas, or both to provide clear and sufficient organization
Response	SCR	Lacks descriptions of ideas or facts	Includes at least one description of an idea or a fact	Includes some minimally detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both	Includes many detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both	Includes many sufficiently detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both
of	ECR Narrative	Lacks development of descriptions or events	Includes at least one description or event	Includes some detailed descriptions and/or two or more events in sequence	Includes many detailed descriptions and events in sequence	Includes many and varied detailed descriptions and events in sequence
Degree	ECR Informational	Lacks development of connected ideas	Includes at least one original idea or two ideas that are connected	Includes some supported and/or connected ideas	Includes many supported and connected ideas	Includes many and varied supported and connected ideas
Mechanics		Contains numerous errors that totally obscure meaning Contains words that are unclear	Contains many errors that often obscure meaning Contains words that may be unclear, but meaning is evident May include inventive spelling	Contains some errors that occasionally obscure meaning Is mostly clear May include inventive spelling	Contains few errors that rarely obscure meaning Is clear May include inventive spelling	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.

Grades 3–4: SCR Prompt

WRITING

Directions

Read this passage again. Then you will be asked to write one paragraph based on the passage.

Travel in the 1800s



Today it is easy to travel in the United States. Cars, airplanes, and buses make travel fast and simple. But in the 1800s, travel was slow and difficult. In those days, there were no cars, airplanes, or buses. Trains went only to places that were near railroad tracks. Also, trains were dirty and dangerous.

Go On



WRITING

In the 1800s, stagecoaches were often the best way people could travel. Stagecoaches were closed wagons pulled by horses. Nine passengers could sit inside a stagecoach. Six or more riders could sit on the roof. Only one or two riders could sit next to the driver. The inside seats were made of wood and covered by leather (animal skin). The seats were hard, and stagecoaches were crowded. There was no glass in the windows. Instead, the windows had leather curtains. The curtains did not keep out the dust and rain.

Stagecoaches traveled regular routes. They stopped to get different horses at stations along the route. Stagecoaches often went to cities in the eastern part of the United States.

In the western part of the United States, there were no large cities. Stagecoach stations were far apart. Every 50 miles, there were stations with food and places to sleep. A 3,000-mile trip from the east coast to the west coast of the United States took about 3 weeks.

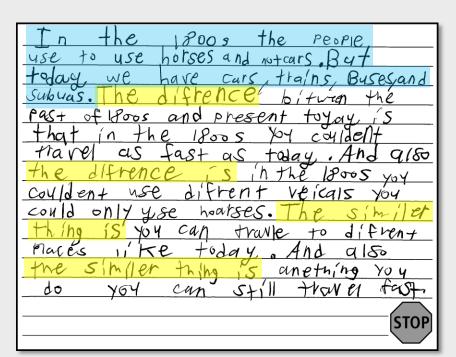
Today cars, airplanes, and trains are cleaner and safer. They have softer seats. Airplanes can travel 3,000 miles in one-half of a day or less. Travel has become easier and much faster.

17 Now read the directions below.

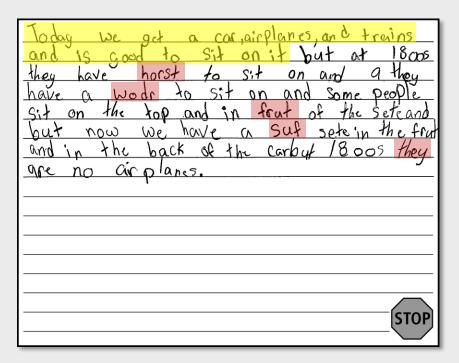
The passage tells about travel during the early 1800s. Write one paragraph telling how travel in the 1800s is the same or different from travel today. Use your own ideas and ideas from the passage to help you write.

The topic of the Storis are Traveling. Traveling is you gold to sertent places lik your on a train, willing and stage coaches. That's how you go to the places you want to go for example you want to go to the Pack of to you'r house you could take a stage choached that's what I learned about the stores that I Just read Now that im give we have cars, subways Buses eve a bigger air Plains that could fly how much that want. Now we have something called as that could make every kind of engine going how much speed they want they could even go the rastest that they could not have all of thou may life is no want that is an alive Thow that been then you did not have all of these things that I name store about

Score 4: Commanding		
CL	Response contains a variety of expanded and complex sentences.	
QL	Response contains many Tier 2 words and phrases (e.g., topic, certain places, stagecoach, now that I'm alive, engine, speed).	
CR	Response includes words and sentences that provide an introduction, development, and completion of linked thoughts and ideas to provide clear and sufficient organization.	
DR	Response includes many sufficiently detailed descriptions of ideas and facts.	
М	Response is clear and contains few errors that rarely obscure meaning (spelling error: <i>sertent</i> for <i>certain</i> ; punctuation errors; some awkward phrases).	



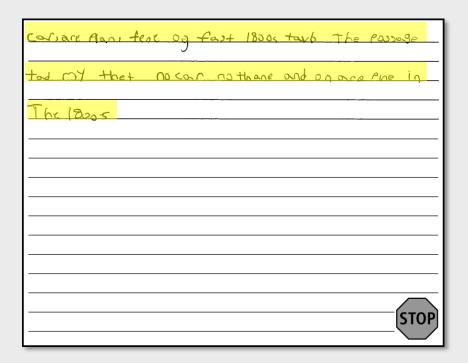
	Score 3: Expanding		
CL	Response contains expanded and complex sentences (repetitive structures <i>the difference is</i> and <i>the similar thing is</i> limit variety of sentences).		
QL	Response contains some Tier 2 words (e.g., vehicles, similar).		
CR	Response includes words and sentences that provide an introduction, development, and completion of linked thoughts and ideas to provide partial organization (the first two sentences function as an introduction to the topic; the rest of the response is grouped by similarities and differences, but ideas lack sufficient development).		
DR	Response includes many detailed descriptions of ideas and facts (many similarities and differences are provided, but descriptions lack sufficient detail at times).		
М	Response is clear and contains few errors that rarely obscure meaning (e.g., spelling error: <i>subwas</i> for <i>subways</i>).		



Score 2: Transitioning		
CL	Response includes at least one expanded sentence.	
QL	Response contains at most frequently used Tier 1 words or predictable phrases.	
CR	Response includes words and sentences that provide a limited introduction, development, and/or completion of linked thoughts, ideas, or both (ideas are linked and progression is evident, but additional organization and development are impeded by errors).	
DR	Includes some minimally detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both (additional details obscured by errors).	
М	Meaning is evident, but response contains many errors that often obscure meaning (e.g., missing words; spelling errors: <i>horst</i> for <i>horse</i> , <i>wodr</i> for <i>wood</i> , <i>frut</i> for <i>front</i> , <i>suf</i> for <i>soft</i> ; usage error: <i>they</i> for <i>there</i>).	

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They Lant have mond buut nunt
We have Mand. Thay do have car
and airplanes and + rains are Cleaner
and Saper. In the 1200 go on the
Wantis for 3 We els, and Thay have
bornt, and dant need to swant
sunt time, EVEY 50 mile s, There
were Stations Withfood and
Places to Sleep. Buyt went we go
to School We teng a school Bus, we
Brem to houne and we cames
Travel,
STOP

	Score 1: Emerging		
CL	Response includes at least one expanded sentence (errors obscure sentence structures in much of response; some text is copied from passage).		
QL	Response contains at most frequently used Tier 1 words or predictable phrases.		
CR	Response includes at least one sentence to introduce, develop, or complete thoughts or ideas (errors obscure organizational elements in much of response).		
DR	Response includes at least one description of an idea or a fact (errors obscure details in much of response).		
М	Meaning is evident, but response contains many errors that often obscure meaning (spelling errors obscure meaning throughout the response).		



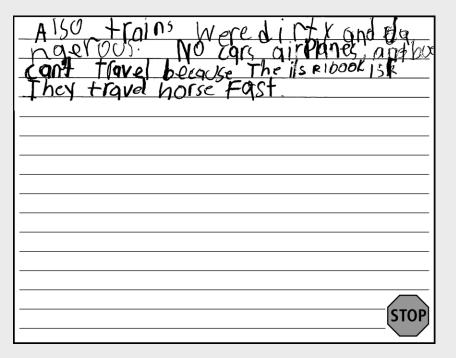
Score 0: Entering		
CL	Response contains few words or short phrases.	
QL	Response contains at most frequently used Tier 1 words or predictable phrases.	
CR	Response lacks a clear introduction, or development of a thought or an idea, or completion due to brevity.	
DR	Response lacks descriptions of ideas or facts.	
M	Response contains numerous errors that totally obscure meaning.	

Practice Time



(binder page 46 for practice)

Grades 3-4: SCR Practice 1



Score 1: Emerging		
CL	Response contains short phrases and simple sentences (elements that would create a complex sentence are obscured by errors).	
QL	Response contains at most frequently used Tier 1 words or predictable phrases.	
CR	Response contains at least one sentence to introduce, develop, or complete thoughts or ideas.	
DR	Response includes at least one description of an idea or fact.	
М	Response contains many errors that often obscure meaning (spelling and grammar errors).	

I think from 1800 transportation and todays transportation
Is alote of different. For example in the passege in
1800 the train and plan is dirty and clanger. That time
The train is clanger is because the train can be broken.
One reason is that in 1800 the transportation is made
out of woods. But now todays Transportation is alote
Safer and cleaner. For example in 1800 the transportation
is made of of wood and most of it is hours
pulling to move. Now the transportation move by engine.
One reson is that in 1800 the transportation travel
3,000 miles trip for airplane three week. Now we
only need one day or less. It may be hafe day,
Last 1800 and today is alote of different
because the transportation now is clean and good.

STOP

	Score 3: Expanding		
CL	Response contains simple, expanded, and complex sentences (does not demonstrate sufficient command of a variety of sentence structures).		
QL	Response contains a few Tier 2 words and phrases (e.g., <i>transportation</i> , <i>engine</i>).		
CR	Response includes words and sentences that provide an introduction, development, and completion of linked thoughts, ideas, or both to provide partial organization (has an introduction, conclusion, and connected ideas, but errors occasionally impede the clear progression of ideas).		
DR	Response includes many detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both (errors occasionally obscure details).		
М	Response is mostly clear, but contains some errors that occasionally obscure meaning (e.g., spelling errors: <i>hafe</i> for <i>half</i> , word usage errors: <i>transportation</i> , <i>danger</i> , awkward/unclear phrases: <i>train is danger is because</i> , <i>most of it is hours pulling to move</i> , <i>is alote of different</i>).		

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and trains are cleaner and
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in one-half of a day or
less. Travelhas become
easier and much faster
In the 18005, Stage Coaches were
often the best way people
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Score 0: Entering		
CL	Response is completely copied text (copied from passage).	
QL	Response contains at most frequently used Tier 1 words or predictable phrases (completely copied from passage).	
CR	Response lacks a clear introduction, or development of a thought or an idea, or completion due to brevity (completely copied from passage).	
DR	Response lacks descriptions of ideas or facts (completely copied from passage).	
M	Response is completely copied.	

Grades 3-4: SCR Practice 4

I 18005 travel was diffeult, but
now in the present travel is sakerant
faster it the 1800s people hat to
traveld in stage coach there were no
cars and plaines there were only stage coaches
Stagecoaches were a little safer for
Transportation than riting a trian. Stasecoache
are slow, They hat leather as wintos but
they didn't Keep out dust and rain-Now
in the present cars have winder, car com
now Keep bust and rain out, also Planes
have softer reats. It was a ruff year back
they, now its better.
CTOP CTOP

Score 4: Commanding		
CL	Response contains simple and expanded sentences.	
QL	Response contains many Tier 2 words and phrases (e.g., in the present, stagecoach, transportation, leather, a rough year).	
CR	Response includes words and sentences that provide an introduction, development, and completion of linked thoughts, ideas, or both to provide clear and sufficient organization.	
DR	Response includes many sufficiently detailed descriptions of ideas and facts.	
М	Response is clear and contains few errors that rarely obscure meaning (punctuation errors; spelling errors: <i>I</i> for <i>in</i> , <i>trian</i> for <i>train</i>).	

Travel today is the same from the 1800is are the same. By today we have
trains still in the United States. Traveling is disserent from 1800s to
today because people don't have to ride in stapecoaches conymore. I know
that because in the story it says" today people have Cars, cirplanes and
buses make traveling Soster and safer. Also it says "In those days there
were no case, no airplanes, or No buses only trains.
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STOP

Score 2: Transitioning		
CL	Response contains expanded and complex sentences.	
QL	Response contains Tier 1 and common Tier 2 words and short phrases.	
CR	Response includes words and sentences that provide a limited introduction, development, and/or completion of linked thoughts, ideas, or both (has a few transitional devices to provide some connection of ideas; response is mainly organized by grouping similarities and differences).	
DR	Response includes some minimally detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both.	
М	Response is mostly clear, but contains some errors that occasionally obscure meaning (first two sentences have awkward structure).	

Grades 5–6: SCR Rubric

		Score 0	Score 1	Score 2	Score 3	Score 4
Di	mension	Entering	Emerging	Transitioning	Expanding	Commanding
		A response at this level:	A response at this level:	A response at this level:	A response at this level:	A response at this level:
	mplexity Language	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	Contains some words, short phrases, and occasionally simple sentences Includes at least one sentence May include adapted text in a well-constructed sentence	Contains mostly simple sentences Includes at least one expanded or complex sentence	Contains simple, expanded, and complex sentences	Contains a variety of simple, expanded, and complex sentences
	Quality Language	Contains at most frequently used Tier 1 words or predictable phrases	Contains Tier 1 and common grade-level Tier 2 words and short phrases	Contains Tier 1 and a few grade-level Tier 2 words and phrases	Contains Tier 1 and some grade-level Tier 2 words and phrases	Contains Tier 1 and many grade-level Tier 2 words and phrases
	herence Response	Lacks a clear orientation, or development of an idea, or closure due to brevity	Includes words and at least one sentence to introduce, develop, transition, or conclude ideas	Includes words and sentences that provide limited orientation, development of ideas, transitions, and/or closure	Includes words and sentences that provide partial orientation, logical development of ideas, transitions, and closure	Includes sufficient orientation, logical development of ideas, and closure to provide clear organization
ponse	SCR	Lacks descriptions of ideas or facts	Includes at least one description of an idea or a fact	Includes some minimally detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both	Includes many detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both	Includes many sufficiently and precisely detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both
Degree of Response	ECR Narrative	Lacks development of characters, details, or events	Includes at least two references to characters, details, events, or closure	Includes some references to characters, and limited development of details, sequenced events and/or closure	Includes many references to characters, and partial development of details, sequenced events, and closure	Includes many and varied references to characters, and sufficiently precise details, sequenced events, and closure
Degre	ECR Informational	Lacks development of ideas or support	Includes at least one idea with support, or closure	Includes some linked ideas, a variety of support, and/or closure	Includes many stated and linked ideas, a variety of support, and closure	Includes many and varied precisely stated and linked ideas, a variety of support, and closure
Me	echanics	Contains numerous errors that totally obscure meaning Contains words that are unclear	 Contains many errors that often obscure meaning Contains words that may be unclear, but meaning is evident May include inventive spelling 	Contains some errors that occasionally obscure meaning Is mostly clear May include inventive spelling	Contains few errors that rarely obscure meaning Is clear May include inventive spelling	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.

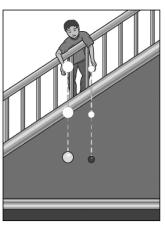
Grades 5–6: SCR Prompt

WRITING

Directions

Read this passage again. Then you will be asked to write one paragraph based on the passage.

The Wonders of Gravity



Gravity is the force that keeps people and things from floating away from Earth. Imagine a boy standing on a staircase six feet above the floor with a heavy ball in one hand and a lighter ball in the other hand. He drops both balls at the same time. Will the heavy ball reach the ground first? No! The two objects will hit the ground at the same time. This is because the effect of Earth's gravity is equal for all objects. All objects fall at the same speed regardless of their mass.

Go On 📗



WRITING

However, it is possible to slow the speed of a falling object. If a paper ball drops, for example, it will fall to the ground rapidly. On the other hand, if the paper is opened flat, it will fall more slowly. The flat paper floats on the air around it, which decreases the speed of the falling paper.

When you jump into the air, you come back down because of Earth's gravity. Earth has gravity because it has mass. Mass is how much there is of an object. All objects have mass and a gravitational pull. The larger the mass of an object, the greater its gravitational pull. Compared to Earth, the Sun is huge and has a much stronger gravitational pull. This is what keeps Earth revolving around the Sun.

17 Now read the directions below.

Think about the passage "The Wonders of Gravity." How is gravity important? Write one paragraph to tell how gravity is important. Use your own ideas and ideas from the passage to help you write.

(binder page 56 for prompt and samples)

Groutly is important for us and the entire universe because without growth and provided and things mound front away from Earth. Growity also helps create new planets and without gravity we were not exist beconcause earth was created with the help of growity. Another thing that growity is important is that the sun has more growitational force because it is bigger and this is what keeps earth around the sun. The last growitational fort that is important for me is that all objects has mass and growitational pull because that what keep us on the ground.

STOP

Score 4: Commanding		
CL	Response contains a variety of expanded and complex sentences.	
QL	Response contains many Tier 2 words and phrases (e.g., entire universe, create new planets, exist, gravitational force, objects, mass)	
CR	Response includes words and sentences that provide partial orientation, logical development of ideas, transitions, and closure (has an introduction and organized and connected ideas, but lacks a clear conclusion, and at times lacks a smooth flow between ideas).	
DR	Response includes many sufficiently and precisely detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both.	
M	Response is clear and has minimal errors that obscure meaning (e.g., were not exist for would not exist).	

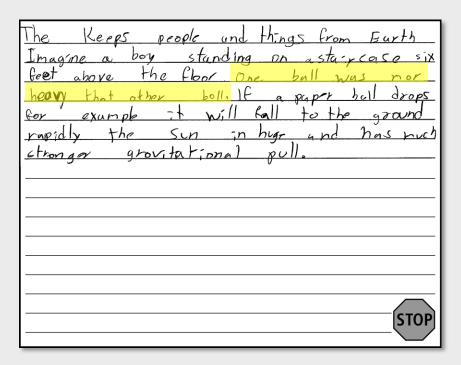
Gravity is good! Gravity Help's you too stay on earth instead of Floating towards space. Gravity makes thing stay on earth. Just I magine a Heavy Building on Earth it's the Highest and Heavy est OF all time and Gravity Hold's that! mother noutre created something. Weird ! Gravity! IF Gravity wasint Here we be Floating too Space by now! All tumonity would be endanger if Gravity want there.

STOP

Score 3: Expanding		
CL	Response contains simple, expanded, and complex sentences (does not demonstrate sufficient command of a variety of sentence structures).	
QL	Response contains some Tier 2 words and phrases (e.g., floating towards space, mother nature, humanity).	
CR	Response includes words and sentences that provide limited orientation, development of ideas, transitions, and/or closure (has an introductory and concluding statement and connected ideas, but ideas are often repetitive and lack a clear and logical progression).	
DR	Response includes some detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both (many of the details provided repetitively describe the idea that gravity holds objects down).	
М	Response is clear and contains few errors that rarely obscure meaning (spelling errors: <i>endanger</i> for <i>endangered</i> , <i>wan't</i> for <i>weren't</i> or <i>wasn't</i>).	

Gravity is important.
Tethe Earth would not has Gravity, we Should
he fly ion or death because no cond. NO
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be flying or death. Because, NO food, NO drinks and own body reads do exercise, walking
Gravity is a force that Keeps people and things from Floating away from Earth.
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STOP

Score 2: Transitioning		
CL	Response includes at least one expanded or complex sentence (first and last sentences are copied from the passage/prompt).	
QL	Response contains a few Tier 2 words and phrases (e.g., exercise).	
CR	Response includes words and sentences that provide limited orientation, development of ideas, transitions, and/or closure (has an introduction, but only one of the following sentences is clearly connected; other original sentence is not connected well enough to create a logical development of ideas).	
DR	Response includes some detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both (relevant details are occasionally present in the response; Because no food no drinks is not clearly tied to central idea of the response).	
М	Response is mostly clear, but contains some errors that occasionally obscure meaning (word choice errors: has for have, should for would; sentence structure error: Because, no food, no drinks and our body needs do exercise; walking).	



	Score 1: Emerging
CL	Response includes at least one sentence (majority of response is copied from passage, with one original sentence: <i>One ball was mor heavy that other boll</i> ; elements that would make original sentence expanded are obscured by errors).
QL	Response contains Tier 1 and common Tier 2 words and short phrases (more advanced Tier 2 vocabulary is only present in copied text).
CR	Response includes words and at least one sentence to introduce, develop, transition, or conclude ideas (single original sentence).
DR	Response includes at least one description of an idea or a fact (single original sentence compares the two balls).
М	Response is mostly clear, but contains some errors that occasionally obscure meaning (spelling error <i>that</i> for <i>than</i> obscures structure of original sentence).

There many in the Earth Sun is huge and has a much Stronger aravitational pull This is what keep Earth revolving the su around Pirst No Thre two abjects will the heavy ball reachtne
STOP

	Score 0: Entering
CL	Response contains short phrases (most of response is copied from passage; only first line is original).
QL	Response contains at most frequently used Tier 1 words or predictable phrases.
CR	Response lacks a clear orientation, or development of an idea, or closure due to brevity (original text does not clearly express an idea).
DR	Response lacks descriptions of ideas or facts.
M	Response contains errors that totally obscure meaning (original text does not clearly express an idea).

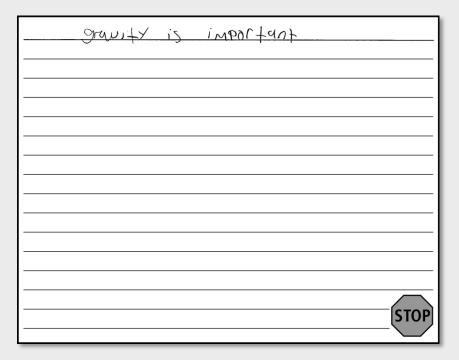
Practice Time



(binder page 64 for practice)

The gravity is important beause help people to State in the earth and don't let float in the air or
go fixing to the space if the earth don't has
gravity we can go to space and died because in the
exterior space there are not origen and people cannot
take oxigen to breeth that's why gravity is important
to state inthe floor of the earth.
STOP

Score 2: Transitioning						
CL	Response contains complex sentences.					
QL	Response contains some Tier 2 words and phrases (e.g., <i>float in the air, exterior space, oxygen</i>).					
CR	Response includes words and sentences that provide limited orientation, development of ideas, transitions, and/or closure (has an introduction, conclusion, and a very brief body of connected ideas).					
DR	Response includes some minimally detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both.					
М	Response is mostly clear, but contains some errors that occasionally obscure meaning (e.g., grammar errors; missing punctuation; spelling error: <i>state</i> for <i>stay</i>).					



	Score 0: Entering						
CL	Response is completely copied text (copied from prompt directions).						
QL	Response contains at most frequently used Tier 1 words or predictable phrases (completely copied from prompt directions).						
CR	Response lacks a clear orientation, or development of an idea, or closure due to brevity (completely copied from prompt directions).						
DR	Response lacks descriptions of ideas or facts (completely copied from prompt directions).						
M	Response is completely copied text.						

closerine you're standing on the gross, and suddenly you are flying. Higher, and higher you're getting, and a maller, and smaller the diests on earth is getting. Suddenly, ... you're looking a little further and there is you're friend. "Why are we flying? you're asking you're friend. "Cause notice on the moon" you're friend answers you a souther went through my bones. "Where is my parents? Where is my sillings?" I solled. Suddenly. "we're going back to earth!" you're friend yelled. When you touched the ground you're preend yelled. When you touched the ground you're prevaing. "An, gravity." Yes, this is gravity. If it wouldn't be such a thing an gravity, it wouldn't be a school, a knew where to live, and a rood where wore wouldn't ride there. It revelled it yes this is gravity. Hiny and we have to apprechiate it yes this is gravity. Now everyone... lets say. STOP

	Score 4: Commanding					
CL	Response contains a variety of simple, expanded, and complex sentences.					
QL	Response contains many Tier 2 words and phrases (e.g., <i>objects</i> on earth, a shudder went through my bones, siblings, gravity).					
CR	Response includes sufficient orientation, logical development of ideas, and closure to provide clear organization.					
DR	Response includes many sufficiently and precisely detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both (details are consistently present throughout the response in precise ways; uses narrative elements to explain how gravity is important).					
М	Response is clear and contains no errors that obscure meaning.					

^{*}Please see your binder for a full rubric*

Once I threw down a big octag from the loth flor. a minute later threw down bry brothers heavy boot-by brothers heavy shoe boot arived at the earth first.
STOP

Responses that are completely irrelevant to the prompt can score no higher than 1

(describes the effects of throwing objects from a high place but does not discuss the importance of gravity).

Score 1: Emerging						
CL	Response includes expanded sentences.					
QL	Response contains a few Tier 2 words and phrases (e.g., arrived).					
CR	Response includes words and sentences that provide limited orientation, development of ideas, transitions, and/or closure (has several connected, briefly developed ideas).					
DR	Response includes some minimally detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both.					
М	Response is clear and contains few errors that rarely obscure meaning (e.g., missing subject: a minute later threw down; spelling errors: octag for ?, by for my).					

Growity have you ruse worder how is growity important
to us? Well growity is important in every way now im
aire your osking how is it importan here let in tell you.
Francity is imperiors because grounity is the force that keeps People and things from floating away from earth. Here is
on exsample when you jump into the air you come book
Dun because of earth's grow, ty. Another moson why
growity is important is because if we dinit have growity
the easth whent be reublying around the sun.
And that why growity is important to us.
STOP

Score 3: Expanding						
CL	Response contains a variety of simple, expanded, and complex sentences.					
QL	Response contains some Tier 2 words and phrases (e.g., <i>force</i> , <i>floating away</i> , <i>revolving</i>).					
CR	Response includes sufficient orientation, logical development of ideas, and closure to provide clear organization (has an introduction, conclusion, and well-organized ideas linked by transitions).					
DR	Response includes many detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both (descriptions found throughout response, but at times they lack sufficient elaboration).					
М	Response is clear and contains few errors that rarely obscure meaning (e.g., missing punctuation; missing verb in the last sentence: <i>And that why gravity is important to us.</i>).					

Grades 9–12: SCR Rubric

		Score 0 Score 1		Score 2	Score 3	Score 4
Dimension		Entering	Emerging	Transitioning	Expanding	Commanding
		A response at this level:	A response at this level:	A response at this level:	A response at this level:	A response at this level:
	mplexity Language	 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 	Contains some words, short phrases, and occasionally simple sentences Includes at least one sentence May include adapted text in a well-constructed sentence	Contains mostly simple sentences Includes at least one expanded or complex sentence	Contains simple, expanded, and complex sentences	Contains a variety of simple, expanded, and complex sentences
	Quality Language	Contains at most commonly used Tier 1 words or short phrases	Contains Tier 1 and common grade-level Tier 2 words and short phrases	Contains Tier 1 and a few grade-level Tier 2 and/or Tier 3 words and phrases	Contains Tier 1 and some grade-level Tier 2 and/or Tier 3 words and phrases used appropriately	Contains Tier 1 and many grade-level Tier 2 and/or Tier 3 words and phrases used appropriately
	herence Response	Lacks a clear orientation, or organized or connected ideas, or closure due to brevity	 Includes at least one sentence that provides an orientation, organized or connected ideas, transitions, or closure 	Includes words and sentences that provide limited orientation, organized or connected ideas, transitions, and/or closure	Includes words and sentences that provide partial orientation, logically organized and/or connected ideas, transitions, and closure	Includes sufficient orientation, logically organized and connected ideas, and closure to provide clear organization
Response	SCR	Lacks descriptions of ideas or facts	Includes at least one description of an idea or a fact	Includes some minimally detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both	Includes many detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both	Includes many sufficiently and precisely detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both
of	ECR Narrative	 Lacks development of characters, details, or events 	Includes at least two references to characters, details, events, or closure	Includes some references to characters, and limited development of details, sequenced events, and/or closure	Includes many references to characters, and partial development of details, sequenced events, and closure	Includes many and varied references to characters, and sufficiently precise details, sequenced events, and closure
Degree	ECR Informational	Lacks development of claims and evidence or support	Includes at least one claim with evidence, support, or closure	Includes some cohesive claims and evidence, a variety of support, and/or closure	Includes many well- chosen cohesive claims and evidence, a variety of support, and closure	Includes many and varied precise, well-chosen, cohesive claims and evidence, a variety of support, and closure
Mechanics		Contains numerous errors that totally obscure meaning Contains words that are unclear	 Contains many errors that often obscure meaning Contains words that may be unclear, but meaning is evident May include inventive spelling 	Contains some errors that occasionally obscure meaning Is mostly clear May include inventive spelling	Contains few errors that rarely obscure meaning Is clear May include inventive spelling	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.

Grades 9–12: SCR Prompt

WRITING

Directions

Read this passage again. Then you will be asked to write one paragraph based on the passage.

Oral Histories: New and Old



An oral history involves obtaining, recording, and preserving people's memories. It is a kind of interview in which one person recalls events or circumstances from the past and another person records the interview in order to preserve it. The means of recording can vary from taking notes by hand to using audio and video technologies.

Since an oral history is based on an individual's personal memories and experiences, it must take place during the lifetime of the person being interviewed. For this reason, there is often a sense of urgency about oral histories. For example, the men and women who served in World War II during the 1940s are now in their eighties and nineties. Soon there will be no survivors still living. There is an urgency to collect any stories the survivors have not yet told. No one else can recall what happened in the same way that the survivors can.

Go On



WRITING

Oral histories focus on the lives of ordinary people and also enhance what we know about public figures. Shortly after Abraham Lincoln's death in 1865, his secretary and law partner, William Herndon, gathered recollections of Lincoln from people who had known and worked with him. Similarly, soon after Bill Clinton left the presidency, former officials from his administration began to record their memories of what they had experienced while working with Clinton. These oral histories greatly improve our understanding about these presidencies.

The story of the Civil Rights Movement in this country also has been told through oral histories. Many projects begun over the last 50 years have captured the voices of men, women, and children who participated in the national effort by black people and others in the 1950s and 1960s to eliminate segregation and gain equal rights.

Still other oral history projects have been conducted within communities to document the lives of long-time residents or local leaders. Students in middle and high schools frequently conduct oral history projects as part of their education. Although these projects are of a smaller scale, they serve to record people's experiences that would otherwise be lost.

Oral history is not new. Although technologies may have changed the methods, it remains the oldest type of historical documentation. Over the years, the goal has remained the same—to tell history in the voices of those who experienced it.

17 Now read the directions below.

The passage "Oral Histories: New and Old" mentions several oral history projects. Who would you like to interview for an oral history project and why? Write one paragraph to tell who you would interview for an oral history project and why you would choose that person. Use your own ideas and ideas from the passage to help you write.

(binder page 74 for prompt and practice)

I would interview for an oral history project like about
the changing the way we view the world because all this possed but many people don't belief that. Also, I chanse
that oral history because it reflect about the ocquiring of the world, Fortherme, I really want to learn more
about what hoppened in this course, How did the person do to the other people believe in that To
addition,
STOP

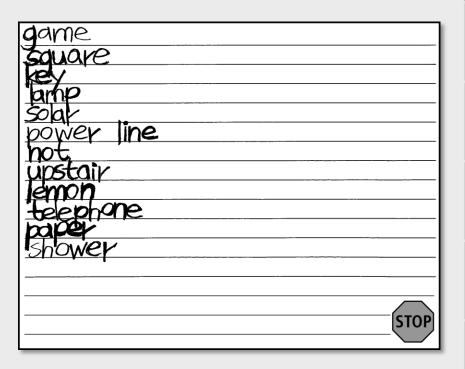
Responses that are completely irrelevant to the prompt can score no higher than 1

(student discusses wanting to do an oral history project instead of whom the student would like to interview).

Score 1: Emerging						
CL	Response contains expanded and complex sentences (does not demonstrate sufficient command of a variety of sentence structures).					
QL	Response contains a few Tier 2 and/or Tier 3 words and phrases (e.g., changing the way we view the world).					
CR	Response includes words and sentences that provide limited orientation and connected ideas (has an introduction and transitions to connect ideas, but lacks a conclusion, and the smooth progression of ideas is occasionally impeded by errors).					
DR	Response includes some minimally detailed descriptions of ideas (details are occasionally obscured by errors).					
M	Response is mostly clear but contains some errors that occasionally obscure meaning (sentence structure errors: e.g., because it reflect about the beginning of the world, How did the person do to the other people believe in that).					

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						STOP
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	Score 3: Expanding				
CL	Response contains complex sentences (repetitive <i>I would</i> structure limits variety of sentences).				
QL	Response contains a few Tier 2 and/or Tier 3 words and phrases (e.g., <i>interview</i>).				
CR	Response includes words and sentences that provide partial orientation, logically organized and/or connected ideas, transitions, and closure (has an introduction, connected ideas, and a transition, but at times repetitive structures impede the smooth progression of ideas, and response lacks a conclusion).				
DR	Response includes some minimally detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both (descriptions are present, but they lack precision and elaboration).				
М	Response is clear and contains no errors that obscure meaning.				



Score 0: Entering		
CL	Response is a list of words and short phrases (lists random objects rather than discussing whom the student would interview).	
QL	Response contains at most commonly used Tier 1 words or short phrases.	
CR	Response lacks a clear orientation, or organized or connected ideas, or closure due to brevity.	
DR	Response lacks descriptions of ideas or facts.	
M	Response contains numerous errors that totally obscure meaning (response is a list of words that does not convey a complete thought).	

The person I would interview for an aral history project would be martin butter king Ir. The reason i would interview him is because I wonne know what gave him the coverage to stand up for what he believes in. I wonne hear the memories and stories about book them and how he felt. What changed for him once he stand up for what he believed in and if he was ever scared for what he did. I would wanna interview him and ask If he have that what he did helped us now to live in a place where were not judged by the color of our skin and we could all live together. I wonna thank him asse he stand up for samething that he believed so hard in and never gave up on fighting for equal rights.

Score 4: Commanding		
CL	Response contains expanded and complex sentences (repetitive structure <i>I wanna</i> limits variety of sentences).	
QL	Response contains many Tier 2 and/or Tier 3 words and phrases used appropriately (e.g., <i>interview, courage to stand up, judged by the color of our skin, fighting for equal rights</i>).	
CR	Response includes words and sentences that provide partial orientation, logically organized and/or connected ideas, transitions, and closure (has an introduction, conclusion, and connected ideas, but repetitive structure <i>I wanna</i> impedes smooth progression of ideas).	
DR	Response includes many sufficiently and precisely detailed descriptions of ideas, facts, or both (details are consistently present throughout the response).	
М	Response is clear and contains minimal errors that obscure meaning.	

This story tolking about the histories really like
to interview on old Person vecouse
if osk one obout vistory now realle
an old person men I can have everything
short vistory and how like how
what people did the time and what people doing now. The Wistories
is like something to memorize that's why the old person can tell about
the history and member the new
if he doesn't born.
STOP

Score 2: Transitioning		
CL	Response contains expanded and complex sentences (does not demonstrate sufficient command of a variety of sentence structures).	
QL	Response contains Tier 1 and common Tier 2 words and short phrases.	
CR	Response includes words and sentences that provide limited orientation and connected ideas (has an introductory statement and some connected ideas, but errors obscure connection and progression of ideas).	
DR	Response includes some minimally detailed descriptions of ideas (some descriptions are present, but they are vague, and first half of response repeats the same idea).	
M	Response contains some errors that occasionally obscure meaning (e.g., spelling errors; missing words; awkward phrases).	

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Questions regarding testing policies, accommodations, security breaches and sensitive student responses	Office of State Assessment Email: emscassessinfo@nysed.gov Call: 518-474-5902
Questions regarding the provisions of ELL/MLL services in Bilingual Education and English as a New Language programs	Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages Email: obewl@nysed.gov Phone: 518-474-8775 (Albany office) Phone: 718-722-2445 (NYC office)
Questions regarding scoring of Speaking and Writing constructed-response questions or shipment of materials	MetriTech, Inc. Customer Service Email: nyseslat@metritech.com Phone: 800-747-4868 Fax: 217-398-5798

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For regulatory or training assistance:	Regional Bilingual Education Resource Networks http://www.nysed.gov/bilingual-ed/regional-supportrberns
Machine-scannable answer sheets and local scanning services	RIC or Large-City Scanning Center http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/sirs/ric-big5.html
Information about the NYSESLAT and regular updates including the turnkey training materials and School Administrators Manual (SAM)	NYSESLAT Homepage http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/nyseslat

Questions?