

# Grades 6 through 8

## CMAS Scoring Rubric for ELA Prose Constructed Response Items



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### Research Simulation Task (RST) and Literary Analysis Task (LAT)

Construct Measured	Score Point 4	Score Point 3	Score Point 2	Score Point 1	Score Point 0
Reading Comprehension and Written Expression	<p>The student response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrates <b>full</b> comprehension of ideas stated explicitly and inferentially by providing an <b>accurate</b> analysis;</li> <li>addresses the prompt and provides <b>effective and comprehensive</b> development of the claim or topic that is <b>consistently appropriate</b> to task, purpose, and audience;</li> <li>uses <b>clear</b> reasoning supported by <b>relevant</b> text-based evidence in the development of the claim or topic;</li> <li>is <b>effectively</b> organized with <b>clear and coherent</b> writing;</li> <li>establishes and maintains an <b>effective</b> style.</li> </ul>	<p>The student response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrates comprehension of ideas stated explicitly and/or inferentially by providing a <b>mostly accurate</b> analysis;</li> <li>addresses the prompt and provides <b>mostly effective</b> development of claim or topic that is <b>mostly appropriate</b> to task, purpose, and audience;</li> <li>uses <b>mostly clear</b> reasoning supported by <b>relevant</b> text-based evidence in the development of the claim or topic;</li> <li>is organized with <b>mostly clear and coherent</b> writing;</li> <li>establishes and maintains a <b>mostly effective</b> style.</li> </ul>	<p>The student response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrates <b>basic</b> comprehension of ideas stated explicitly and/or inferentially by providing a <b>generally accurate</b> analysis;</li> <li>addresses the prompt and provides <b>some</b> development of claim or topic that is <b>somewhat appropriate</b> to task, purpose, and audience;</li> <li>uses <b>some</b> reasoning and text-based evidence in the development of the claim or topic;</li> <li>demonstrates <b>some</b> organization with <b>somewhat</b> coherent writing;</li> <li>has a style that is <b>somewhat</b> effective.</li> </ul>	<p>The student response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrates <b>limited</b> comprehension of ideas stated explicitly and/or inferentially by providing a <b>minimally accurate</b> analysis;</li> <li>addresses the prompt and provides <b>minimal</b> development of claim or topic that is <b>limited in its appropriateness</b> to task, purpose, and audience;</li> <li>uses <b>limited</b> reasoning and text-based evidence;</li> <li>demonstrates <b>limited</b> organization and coherence;</li> <li>has a style that is <b>minimally</b> effective.</li> </ul>	<p>The student response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrates <b>no</b> comprehension of ideas by providing an <b>inaccurate or no</b> analysis;</li> <li>is <b>undeveloped and/or inappropriate</b> to task, purpose, and audience;</li> <li>includes <b>little to no</b> text-based evidence;</li> <li><b>lacks</b> organization and coherence;</li> <li>has an <b>inappropriate</b> style.</li> </ul>
Knowledge of Language and Conventions		<p>The student response to the prompt demonstrates <b>full command</b> of the conventions of standard English at an appropriate level of complexity. There <b>may be a few minor errors</b> in mechanics, grammar, and usage, but <b>meaning is clear</b>.</p>	<p>The student response to the prompt demonstrates <b>some command</b> of the conventions of standard English at an appropriate level of complexity. There <b>may be errors</b> in mechanics, grammar, and usage that <b>occasionally impede understanding</b>, but the <b>meaning is generally clear</b>.</p>	<p>The student response to the prompt demonstrates <b>limited command</b> of the conventions of standard English at an appropriate level of complexity. There <b>may be errors</b> in mechanics, grammar, and usage that <b>often impede understanding</b>.</p>	<p>The student response to the prompt <b>does not demonstrate command</b> of the conventions of standard English at the appropriate level of complexity. <b>Frequent and varied errors</b> in mechanics, grammar, and usage <b>impede understanding</b>.</p>



## Narrative Task (NT)

Construct Measured	Score Point 4	Score Point 3	Score Point 2	Score Point 1	Score Point 0
<b>Written Expression</b>	<p>The student response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>is <b>effectively</b> developed with narrative elements and is <b>consistently appropriate</b> to the task;</li> <li>is <b>effectively</b> organized with <b>clear and coherent</b> writing</li> <li>establishes and maintains an <b>effective</b> style.</li> </ul>	<p>The student response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>is <b>mostly effectively</b> developed with narrative elements and is <b>mostly appropriate</b> to the task;</li> <li>is organized with <b>mostly clear and coherent</b> writing</li> <li>establishes and maintains a <b>mostly effective</b> style.</li> </ul>	<p>The student response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>is developed with <b>some</b> narrative elements and is <b>generally appropriate</b> to the task;</li> <li>demonstrates <b>some</b> organization with <b>somewhat coherent</b> writing;</li> <li>has a style that is <b>somewhat</b> effective.</li> </ul>	<p>The student response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>is <b>minimally</b> developed with <b>few</b> narrative elements and is <b>limited in its appropriateness</b> to the task;</li> <li>demonstrates <b>limited</b> organization and coherence;</li> <li>has a style that has <b>limited</b> effectiveness.</li> </ul>	<p>The student response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>is <b>undeveloped and/or inappropriate</b> to the task;</li> <li><b>lacks</b> organization and coherence;</li> <li>has an <b>inappropriate</b> style.</li> </ul>
<b>Knowledge of Language and Conventions</b>		<p>The student response to the prompt demonstrates <b>full command</b> of the conventions of standard English at an appropriate level of complexity. There may be a <b>few minor errors</b> in mechanics, grammar, and usage, but <b>meaning is clear</b>.</p>	<p>The student response to the prompt demonstrates <b>some command</b> of the conventions of standard English at an appropriate level of complexity. There <b>may</b> be errors in mechanics, grammar, and usage that <b>occasionally impede understanding</b>, but the <b>meaning is generally clear</b>.</p>	<p>The student response to the prompt demonstrates <b>limited command</b> of the conventions of standard English at an appropriate level of complexity. There <b>may</b> be errors in mechanics, grammar, and usage that <b>often impede understanding</b>.</p>	<p>The student response to the prompt <b>does not demonstrate command</b> of the conventions of standard English at the appropriate level of complexity. <b>Frequent and varied errors</b> in mechanics, grammar, and usage <b>impede understanding</b>.</p>

**NOTE:**

- The reading dimension is not scored for elicited narrative stories.
- The elements of coherence, clarity, and cohesion to be assessed are expressed in the grade-level standards 1-4 for writing.
- Tone is not assessed in grade 6.
- Per the CCSS, narrative elements in grades 3-5 may include: establishing a situation; organizing a logical event sequence; describing scenes, objects, or people; developing characters’ personalities; and using dialogue as appropriate. In grades 6-8, narrative elements may include, in addition to the grades 3-5 elements: establishing a context, situating events in a time and place, developing a point of view, and developing characters’ motives. The elements to be assessed are expressed in grade-level standards 3 for writing.