

2018 RICAS Grades 3–5: English Language Arts Essay Rubric

Idea Development

- QUALITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRAL IDEA *
- SELECTION AND EXPLANATION OF EVIDENCE AND/OR DETAILS *
- ORGANIZATION
- EXPRESSION OF IDEAS

AWARENESS OF PURPOSE FOR WRITING		
4	 Central idea is clear and fully developed Effective selection and explanation of evidence and/or details Effective organization Clear expression of ideas Full awareness of the purpose for writing 	
3	 Central idea is general and moderately developed Appropriate selection and explanation of evidence and/or details Moderate organization Adequate expression of ideas Sufficient awareness of the purpose for writing 	
2	 Central idea may be present and is somewhat developed Limited selection and explanation of evidence and/or details Limited organization Basic expression of ideas Partial awareness of the purpose for writing 	
1	 Central idea is not present and/or not developed Insufficient evidence and/or details Minimal or no organization Poor expression of ideas Minimal awareness of the purpose for writing 	
0	The response shows evidence the student has read the text, but does not address the question or incorrectly responds to the question.	

^{*} For narrative writing (Standard 3), the quality and development of narrative elements will be assessed in place of a central idea. Narrative elements should include, but are not limited to: plot, character, setting, dialogue, action, and/or description. Students should use evidence/details to demonstrate understanding of text.

Standard English Conventions		
SENTENCE STRUCTURE		
GRAMMAR, USAGE, AND MECHANICS		
2	Consistent control of a variety of sentence structures relative to length of essay	
<u> </u>	Consistent control of grammar, usage and mechanics relative to complexity and/or length of essay	
	Mostly consistent control of sentence structures relative to length of essay	
2	Mostly consistent control of grammar, usage, and mechanics relative to complexity and/or length of	
	essay	
1	Little control and/or no variety in sentence structure and/or	
	Little control of grammar, usage, and mechanics relative to complexity and/or insufficient length	
^	Sentences are formed incorrectly with no control of grammar, usage and mechanics and/or insufficient	
U	length.	