

## 2018 RICAS Grades 6-8: English Language Arts Essay Rubric

Idea Development		
• QU	ALITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRAL IDEA *	
• SEL	ECTION AND EXPLANATION OF EVIDENCE AND/OR DETAILS *	
• OR	GANIZATION	
• EXP	PRESSION OF IDEAS	
AWARENESS OF TASK AND MODE		
	Central idea is insightful and fully developed	
	Skillful selection and explanation of evidence and/or details	
<b>5</b>	Skillful and/or subtle organization	
	Rich expression of ideas	
	Full awareness of the task and mode	
	Central idea is clear and well-developed	
_	Effective selection and explanation of evidence and/or details	
4	Effective organization	
	Clear expression of ideas	
	Full awareness of the task and mode	
	Central idea is general and moderately developed	
	Appropriate selection and explanation of evidence and/or details	
3	Moderate organization	
	Adequate expression of ideas	
	Sufficient awareness of the task and mode	
	Central idea may be present and is somewhat developed	
_	Limited selection and explanation of evidence and/or details	
Z	Limited organization	
	Basic expression of ideas	
	Partial awareness of the task and mode	
	Central idea is not developed	
4	Insufficient evidence and/or details	
▲	Minimal organization	
	Poor expression of ideas Administration of ideas	
	Minimal awareness of the task and mode	
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		
• GRA	MM	AR, USAGE, AND MECHANICS
2	•	Consistent control of a variety of sentence structures relative to length of essay
<b>)</b>	•	Consistent control of grammar, usage and mechanics relative to complexity and/or length of essay
2	•	Mostly consistent control of sentence structures relative to length of essay
	•	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
0	•	Sentences are formed incorrectly with no control of grammar, usage and mechanics and/or insufficient length.