

**English Language Arts Extended-Response Reading Rubric  
Grades 4-8**

**4 points**

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The extended-response question

- Fulfills the requirements of the task
- Uses sentence variety, with some challenging vocabulary
- Makes effective use of relevant and accurate details from the texts
- Demonstrates a thorough understanding of the texts
- May demonstrate inferences from the texts and maintains a clear focus
- Is fluent and easy to read and displays a sense of engagement or voice

**3 points**

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The extended-response question

- Fulfills the requirements of the task
- Uses simple sentences with grade-level vocabulary
- Uses relevant and accurate details from the texts
- Demonstrates a predominantly literal understanding of the texts
- Maintains a predominantly clear focus
- Is fluent and easy to read and may display a sense of engagement or voice

**2 points**

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The extended-response question

- Fulfills some requirements of the task
- Uses predominantly simple sentences, some sentence fragments, and grade-level vocabulary
- May use some relevant and accurate details from the texts
- May demonstrate some misunderstandings or gaps in understanding of the texts
- Attempts to maintain or establish a clear focus
- May be somewhat difficult to read, contain some inaccuracies, and displays no sense of engagement or voice

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**1 point**

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The extended-response question

- Fulfills few requirements of the task
- Uses sentence fragments or word phrases with below-grade-level vocabulary
- May use no details or irrelevant details to support the response
- May demonstrate very little understanding of the texts
- Does not establish a clear focus
- May be difficult to read, contains many inaccuracies, and displays no sense of engagement or voice

**0 points**

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The extended-response question is irrelevant, incoherent, incorrect, or illegible.

NOTE: If the item is left blank, apply Condition Code A.