

Simplified CAASPP Middle School ELA Performance Task Rubric

A. Organization / Purpose	Insufficient (includes copied text)	The response has little or no discernible organizational structure . The response may be related to the topic but may provide little or no focus	The response has an inconsistent organizational structure . Some flaws are evident, and some ideas may be loosely connected. The organization is somewhat sustained between and within paragraphs . The response may have a minor drift in focus	The response has an evident organizational structure and a sense of completeness . Though there may be minor flaws, they do not interfere with the overall coherence. The organization is adequately sustained between and within paragraphs . The response is generally focused	The response has a clear and effective organizational structure , creating a sense of unity and completeness. The organization is fully sustained between and within paragraphs. The response is consistently and purposefully focused
	NS	1	2	3	4
B. Evidence / Elaboration	Insufficient (includes copied text)	The response provides minimal elaboration of the support/evidence for the thesis/controlling idea that includes little or no use of source material . The response is vague, lacks clarity, or is confusing	The response provides uneven, cursory elaboration of the support/evidence for the thesis/controlling idea that includes uneven or limited use of source material . The response develops ideas unevenly, using simplistic language	The response provides adequate elaboration of the support/evidence for the thesis/controlling idea that includes the use of source material . The response adequately develops ideas, employing a mix of precise and more general language	The response provides thorough elaboration of the support/evidence for the thesis/controlling idea that includes the effective use of source material . The response clearly and effectively develops ideas, using precise language
	NS	1	2	3	4
C. Conventions	Insufficient (includes copied text)	The response demonstrates little or no command of conventions	The response demonstrates a partial command of conventions	The response demonstrates an adequate command of conventions	Grand total (A + B + C)
	NS	0	1	2	