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1.7

Response to Text

Benchmarks

1.7 In responses to text, students show understanding of reading, connect what has been read to the broader world of ideas, concepts, and issues, and make judgments about the text. This is evident when students:

PreK-4:

- A. Connect plot/ideas/concepts to experience, including other literature;
- B. Go beyond retelling of plot by reflecting on what is read and making connections to broader ideas, concepts, and issues;
- C. Support judgments about what has been read by drawing from experience, other literature, and evidence from the text, including direct quotations.

5-8: Evidence PreK-4 applies, plus -

- D. Clearly articulate a point of view, or state a firm judgment about the piece discussed;
- E. Engage the reader effectively and provide closure;
- F. Maintain a sense of audience by addressing the reader's possible questions.

9-12: Evidence PreK – 8 applies, plus –

- G. Establish interpretive claims and support them.

Grade 3 Benchmarks

Ramona Quimby, Age 8	Exceeds the Standard (4)
Phantom Tollbooth	Exceeds the Standard (4)
Animorphs by K.A. Applegate	Meets the Standard (3)
Mountain Born	Meets the Standard (3)
Andrew the Kind	Below the Standard (2)
American Revolution	Below the Standard (1)

Standard 1.7 Response to Text *Revised Rubric*
K - 4

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Dimensions of Writing Standard 1.5 Criteria	<u>Score Point 4</u> Shows evidence of exceeding the standard	<u>Score Point 3</u> Shows evidence of meeting the standard	<u>K – 3 Below the Standard</u>	
			K - 3	
			<u>Score Point 2</u> (Grade 4) Shows evidence of being below the standard	<u>Score Point 1</u> (Grade 4) Basic and limited writing
Purpose <input type="checkbox"/> Context <input type="checkbox"/> Focus/controlling idea <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of understanding and reflection/ connection that are related to text <input type="checkbox"/> Analysis of the elements of the text (character, character change, author’s craft, theme, compare/contrast)	Clear context includes name of author and title of book and may include a hook Focus/controlling idea is clear Responds directly to the text with analysis and includes a relevant connection to broader ideas (text to text/text to self/text to world).	Clear context includes name of author and title of book. Focus/controlling idea is clear Responds directly to the text with analysis and includes a relevant connection to broader ideas (text to text/text to self/text to world).	Little context. Topic and/or focus may shift. Writing may rely on personal response	No context. May not have a focus/controlling idea and may be limited to a general summary or retelling
Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Overall coherence <input type="checkbox"/> Information presented in a logical, cohesive fashion.	Has clear, consistent coherence and organization Has introduction, body, conclusion Uses transitions	Organization is clear and consistent Has introduction, body, conclusion Uses some transitions	May have some organizational structure	Little or no organization is present
Details/Elaboration <input type="checkbox"/> Specific concrete details with appropriate references to/citations from text to support writer’s point of view.	May include citations as well as references to the text to support focus In depth, precise elaboration related to focus	Uses references to text and concrete details to support focus. May use citations Ideas are elaborated appropriate to grade level	Random details and no or unclear references to text Ideas are not elaborated or details are insufficient to support focus	
Voice and Tone <input type="checkbox"/> Vocabulary <input type="checkbox"/> Sentence structure <input type="checkbox"/> Sentence variety	Uses effective vocabulary, sentence variety and/or structure	Uses appropriate vocabulary, sentence variety and/or structure	Uses confusing language, sentence structure, and variety Uses pale vocabulary and basic sentence structure	

❖ The benchmarks define the performance level of the descriptors for each grade.

RAMONA QUIMBY, AGE 8

By Beverly Cleary

This story is about Ramona at school and at home with her family. She plays with lots of kids like “Yard-Ape” who she named at recess on the first day of school. Ramona and her family have a hard living life because Ramona and her sister are always in mischief and their father is not able to have money for a job so their father has to go to school for a job. In reading this story, we can see two important qualities of Ramona they are funny and clever.

First Ramona is funny. We see this in the story when Ramona whacks an egg on her head thinking it was a hard boiled egg. As the author writes “Ramona, like “Yard-Ape” was a whacker. She waited until everyone was watching and whack! This shows funniness because she was more surprised than the class because the egg was a raw egg instead of a boiled one.

Besides being funny, Ramona is also clever. One good example of this in the story happens when her song that she liked came on the radio and she was clever to dance to the music. Ramona was clever because she was not going to be bored. She was going to be happy so she danced in front of other people. After the music, Beverly Cleary writes “I’m not suppose to talk to strangers”. This shows cleverness because she knows not to talk to strangers.

Reading about Ramona made me feel like I am Ramona because I act like Ramona like the time I had to cook for my family.

In conclusion Ramona shows a lot of funniness and cleverness. People should read this book because you get a lot of laughs and “oh-nos” in the book when she does some bad things and when she’s funny.

**1.7 Response to Text –
Character Analysis
Grade 3
Effectiveness Score = 4**

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*Effective context
and clear focus*

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*Writer explains why
quote is funny*

Relates to focus

Besides being funny, Ramona is also clever. One good example of this in the story happens when her song that she liked came on the radio and she was clever to dance to the music. Ramona was clever because she was not going to be bored. She was going to be happy so she danced in front of other people. After the music, Beverly Cleary writes “I’m not suppose to talk to strangers”. This shows cleverness because she knows not to talk to strangers.

*Analysis of
Ramona’s action
relates to focus*

Relates to focus

Reading about Ramona made me feel like I am Ramona because I act like Ramona like the time I had to cook for my family.

*Effective personal
response*

In conclusion Ramona shows a lot of funniness and cleverness. People should read this book because you get a lot of laughs and “oh-nos” in the book when she does some bad things and when she’s funny.

Personal response is an analytical “aha” statement

Exceeds the Standard
The strength of this response to literature lies in the interpretative development of the specific references to text. The focus on Ramona’s character is supported by one piece of elaborated evidence per point. Transitions carry the writing forward. The personal response (text to self) is effective for third grade.

PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH

The book I picked is Phantom Tollbooth by: Norton Juster. There was one part of the book I really liked, it was when Juster turned states of mind into physical places.

One example is the Doldrums. To humans the Doldrums is an imaginary place, a place where you go if you're not thinking. In the Doldrums everything is boring and dreary, nobody does anything all day, all month, all year! Milo (the main character) goes to the Doldrums, where he was, it was a real place!

Another example is when Milo try's to get to infinity, of course he never gets there! You can never get to infinity, it goes on and on forever! In the human world infinity is just a number, where Milo is it is a place.

My last example is how Milo jumps to Conclusions. Probably all of us, once or twice, have jumped to Conclusions. Well Milo did, and as you can guess, it was a real place. To us "jumping to Conclusions" is just an expression, Milo he really jumped to an island called Conclusions.

As you can see Juster did a good job of turning states of mind into physical places. I think Phantom Tollbooth is a wonderful book and recommend it!

**1.7 Response to Text -
Author's Craft
Grade 3
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Focus is on author's craft

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Elaboration supports focus

Relates to focus

Transitions

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Relates to focus

Writer cites and elaborates on abstract ideas from the text

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Relates to focus

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Personal response repeats focus

Exceeds the Standard
This response to literature is strongly focused on an aspect of author's craft: how the author turned "states of mind" into "physical places." The writer organizes and elaborates on three specific states of mind to support the focus. This level of analysis shows a clear understanding of the text that is sophisticated for a third-grader.

**1.7 Response to Text
Grade 3**

Animorphs by K.A. Applegate is about 5 kids, Rachel, Jake, Marco, Cassie, Tobias (he wanted to be a red-tailed hawk), and the Andalite*, Ax. My favorite book is book #17 because of the main character Rachel. Rachel is 25 and is very brave and daring. This literary response is how she is brave and daring.

One reason why I think she is brave and daring is the way she became an animorph. The Andalite's brother gave them the power to morph into any animal they wanted to, even an ant! Because they can only be in a morph for 2 hours or they are stuck in that morph **forever** I think it was brave of her to do that. (It is not pretty to see someone morph)

Another reason is how she uses her morph. She fights these slug-things called Yeerks. Yeerks are like tape-worms, but they want your brain, not your stomach. Once they're inside your brain, they open up your deepest thoughts and they control you. They are called **Controllers**.

My last reason why I think she is brave is how she uses her time. She doesn't waste her time. She gets right to work.

I recommend this book and all of the other books to anyone.

**1.7 Response to Text -
Character Analysis
Grade 3
Effectiveness Score = 3**

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Context consists of title, author, characters

Clear focus

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Specific reference to text; could have included what animal Rachel morphed into

Personal response is analytical and related to the

Transitions

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Concrete details support focus

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This paragraph needs stronger connection to focus

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Standard "book report" conclusion

Meets the Standard
This piece of writing represents an appropriate transition between a "book report" and a response to literature for a third-grader. It begins with adequate context and a clear controlling idea. The organization is consistent with transitions. Elaboration consists of specific references to text.

***1.7 Response to Text
Grade 3
Effectiveness Score = 3***

MOUNTAIN BORN

This book is about a family that has a sheep farm. Peter and Bidy are growing up and learning about life on the farm.

One way that Peter is growing up is sheering sheep because 5 year old boys don't shear sheep. Even though he is 5, there is still part of growing up on a sheep farm. Also, another way is that his dad Andrew asked him if he wanted to cut off lamb tails with him. This is a way that Peter is growing up, because his dad is asking him to do an adult job.

A way that Bidy is growing up is when she steers the flock and saves them this is a way that she is goring up because I don't think lambs lead a flock. Another way that Bidy is growing up is when she has her lamb because this is a way that she is growing up because I don't think lambs have lambs.

One way that they both are growing up is at the beginning Peter hasn't seen death and at the end Bidy dies and Peter sees death.

I am like Peter, because I had a black mom (sheep) and a black baby sheep. My sheep died just like Bidy. If I ever get sheep again I will think of the book Mountain Born.

**1.7 Response to Literature --
Character Change
Grade 3
Effectiveness Score = 3**

Mountain Born

This book is about a family that has a sheep farm. Peter and Bidy are growing up and learning about life on the farm.

*Needs more context--
Reader needs to know
that Bidy is a sheep*

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*Body paragraph
contains evidence
from the text to
support focus*

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*Supporting evidence
with critical thinking
about similarities in
the text*

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Personal response clearly connected to text

Meets the Standard

This response is a solid piece of writing for third grade. The focus is clear ("Peter and Bidy are growing up and learning about life on the farm"), although the writer needs to say that Bidy is a sheep. The writing is clearly organized: one paragraph on Peter, one on Bidy and a comparison, with a personal response at the end tied effectively back to the book.

***1.7 Response to Literature
Grade 3***

Andrew the Kind

In the story Freckle Juice a boy named Andrew gets sick because a girl name Sharon made him sick.

Andrew is kind and thoughtful. First he is kind. We see this when he never picked on anyone. He was nice when he tried his best to not get anyone in trouble.

In the story Andrew is thoughtful because he warned people if they were in trouble. Andrew never tattled on anyone. He didn't even pick on Sharon the mean of the class.

In conclusion Andrew is kind and thoughtful. I would have been nice to everybody because I would have got in trouble.

**1.7 Response to Literature --
Character Analysis
Grade 3
Effectiveness = Below the Standard (2)**

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In the story Freckle Juice a boy named Andrew gets sick because a girl name Sharon made him sick.

Little context

Focus

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**Details missing:
What happened in the story? How did Andrew try not to get anyone in trouble? Who did he warn and about what?**

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In conclusion Andrew is kind and thoughtful. I would have been nice to everybody because I would have got in trouble.

Conclusion with personal response attempts analysis and is related to focus

Below the Standard (2)

This response to literature has a focus and an organizational structure, but the ideas are not elaborated or specific enough to support the focus. The writer gives vague examples without referring to events in the text. This lack of support keeps the writing below the standard.

***1.7 Response to Literature
Grade 3***

American Revolution What difficult times the 1700s were for everyone. King George was being unfair, and the Americans wanted their freedom from the British rule. In the Book I Sam the Minutemen This is what happened to change things.

In the beginning Sam was a little boy who liked to help his Dad around the old farm house At this time America Belong to the English

During this time the Amricans had to pay taxes on tea, papers and coffee The British were leaving Boston. Sam and his Dad had to go help in the war They knew the British were coming so Sam got his gun.

During the war Sams friend John got shot in this leg Sam saw his Mom carrying when she had to put a bandage on John's leg

Finally the war had stopped and 8 minutmen had shot and died then they all went home to go to sleep and eat some food. I think it would be hard for kids to fight in the war

1.7 Response to Literature
Grade 3
Effectiveness = Below the Standard (1)

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Context, no focus; writer sets up retelling

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Lapse in chronology

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Detail is random without connection to a focus; confusing language

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Evidence of "aha" statement in personal response

Below the Standard (1)

Although this response to literature has details from the text and is organized chronologically, it does not have a controlling idea and is simply an incomplete retelling of the story. The writer missed an opportunity to focus on the changes that the Revolution brought to Sam and his family.