

STATE ASSESSMENT RUBRICS

B.E.S.T. Writing Rubric — Expository, Grades 7-10

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12 points total

3 criteria

FL

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The FL B.E.S.T. Writing Rubric — Expository, Grades 7-10 scored out of 12 points across 3 criteria, for expository writing at grades 7-10.

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How it is scored

CRITERION	POINTS	LEVELS
Purpose/Structure	4	4
Development	4	4
Language	4	4
Total	12	

The full rubric

Purpose/Structure • 4 points

SCORE	WHAT EARNS IT
4 pts	Central idea is focused on the task and consistently maintained throughout, with organizational structure that strengthens the response. Transitions are purposeful; introduction and conclusion are effective and enhance the essay.
3 pts	Central idea is focused on the task and generally maintained throughout, with logical organization. Transitions connect ideas purposefully; introduction and conclusion are sufficient and contribute to a sense of completeness.
2 pts	Central idea may be unclear, loosely related, or insufficiently sustained. Organization may be repetitive or inconsistent. Transitions attempt to connect ideas but may lack purpose and/or variety. Introduction/conclusion may be present but repetitive, simplistic, or otherwise ineffective.
1 pt	Central idea may be absent, ambiguous, or confusing. Little or no discernible organizational structure. Transitions may be absent or confusing. Response may be too brief to demonstrate task awareness.

Development · 4 points

SCORE	WHAT EARNS IT
4 pts	Skillful development demonstrates thorough understanding of the topic. Elaboration includes original student writing combined with paraphrasing, text evidence, examples, definitions, narrative, and/or rhetorical techniques. Evidence is smoothly integrated from multiple sources and appropriately cited.
3 pts	Logical development demonstrates understanding of the topic. Elaboration combines original student writing with paraphrasing, text evidence, examples, definitions, narrative, and/or rhetorical techniques. Evidence is relevant, integrated, and appropriately cited.
2 pts	Development may demonstrate partial or incomplete understanding. Elaboration may attempt to develop the central idea but may rely heavily on sources, or be loosely related, repetitive, or otherwise ineffective. Evidence may be partially integrated and lacks appropriate citations.
1 pt	Response may demonstrate lack of understanding, with confusing ideas. Evidence may be absent, vague, and/or confusing, and lacks appropriate citations. Response may be too brief to demonstrate knowledge.

Language · 4 points

SCORE	WHAT EARNS IT
4 pts	Integration of academic vocabulary strengthens and furthers ideas. Skillful use of varied sentence structure contributes to fluidity. Grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling demonstrate consistent command. Tone/voice strengthens the overall response.
3 pts	Integration of academic vocabulary demonstrates clear expression of ideas. Sentence structure is varied and shows grade-appropriate language facility. Grammar/conventions demonstrate grade-appropriate command of standard English. Tone/voice is appropriate for the overall response.
2 pts	Vocabulary may be imprecise or basic. Sentence structure may be partially controlled, somewhat simplistic. Inconsistent use of conventions may contain multiple distracting errors. Tone/voice may be inconsistent.
1 pt	Vocabulary may be vague, unclear, or confusing. Sentence structure may be simplistic or confusing. Errors demonstrate lack of command of standard English conventions, often obscuring meaning. Tone/voice may be inappropriate.

Scoring record

Student	Assignment	Date
CRITERION	SCORE	COMMENTS
Purpose/Structure	/ 4	
Development	/ 4	
Language	/ 4	
Total	/ 12	

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