

Student Checklist for Prose Constructed Responses

Fourth-Fifth Grade Research Simulation Task

I need to figure out _____

<p>Reading Comprehension</p> <p><i>What are the important ideas in each text? What information supports them?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I figured out what the important ideas in each source are. <input type="checkbox"/> I identified information that supports the ideas in each source. <input type="checkbox"/> I used those ideas and facts in my response to the task. <input type="checkbox"/> If the task asked me to combine information, then I chose the most important information from each source to use. <input type="checkbox"/> If the task asked me to compare information from different sources, I identified the ideas and information that are alike. <input type="checkbox"/> If the task asked me to contrast sources, I identified ideas and information that are different. <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Writing to Explain</p> <p><i>I organized my response to stay focused on important ideas. I included enough examples to make my analysis clear.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I organized an explanatory essay that responded to the task. <input type="checkbox"/> I wrote a clear introduction that previewed the main ideas. <input type="checkbox"/> I kept focused on responding to the task. <input type="checkbox"/> I used strategies such as compare/contrast to make the response clear in a logical structure. <input type="checkbox"/> I focused each paragraph on one idea. <input type="checkbox"/> I included relevant details and examples to support the main idea of each paragraph. <input type="checkbox"/> I used linking words to connect ideas and parts.. <input type="checkbox"/> I wrote objectively—I did not use my own opinions but only stated ideas and examples that were based on the text. <input type="checkbox"/> I wrote a clear and logical conclusion. <input type="checkbox"/> I reviewed my response to make sure I had accomplished my purpose.
<p>Conventions</p> <p><i>I kept the sentences clear.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I capitalized the first word in a sentence and any proper noun. <input type="checkbox"/> I used quotation marks if I included a quote. <input type="checkbox"/> I spelled most words correctly. <input type="checkbox"/> I used commas correctly to separate words in a series or a part of a sentence. <input type="checkbox"/> I used correct verb tense. <input type="checkbox"/> I used pronouns correctly. <input type="checkbox"/> I used parentheses or dashes correctly. <input type="checkbox"/> I used a variety of sentence patterns.