

**Student Checklist for Prose Constructed Responses**  
**Sixth – Eighth Grade Research Simulation Task**

I need to figure out \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>Reading Comprehension</b></p> <p><i>What are the important ideas in each text?          What information supports them?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I figured out what the important ideas in each source are.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I identified information that supports the ideas in each source.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I used those ideas and facts in my response to the task.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If the task asked me to combine information, then I chose the most important information from each source to use.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If the task asked me <b>to compare</b> different sources, I identified the ideas and information that are alike.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If the task asked me to contrast sources, I identified ideas and information that are different.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If the task asked me to evaluate the strength of a writer’s support for a claim, I analyzed the relevance of examples, how clearly the writer explained them, and how many facts the writer included.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Writing to Explain</b></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"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I organized an explanatory essay that responded to the task.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I wrote a clear introduction that previewed the main ideas.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I kept focused on responding to the task.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I used strategies such as compare/contrast to make the response clear in a logical structure.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I focused each paragraph on one idea or sub-topic.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I included relevant details and examples to support each point I made.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I used linking words to connect ideas and parts.</li> <li><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.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I wrote a clear and logical conclusion.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I reviewed my response to make sure I had accomplished my purpose.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Conventions</b></p> <p><i>I kept my ideas clear by paying attention to spelling and punctuation.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I capitalized the first word in a sentence and any proper noun.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I used quotation marks if I included a quote.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I spelled most words correctly.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I used punctuation correctly: commas, semi-colons, dashes, exclamation marks, any other punctuation.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I used correct verb tense.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I used pronouns correctly.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I used parentheses correctly.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I used a variety of sentence patterns to communicate clearly.</li> </ul>