



Proficiency Scale Grade 7

Domain: Reading Standards for Literature
Strand: Key Ideas and Details (KID)
Benchmark Code: 7.RL.KID.1

Standard: Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (DOK 2)

Score 4.0	<p>In addition to a score 3.0 performance, the student demonstrates in-depth inferences and/or application of knowledge.</p> <p>Examples include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Compare and contrast the quality of textual evidence used to support an inference. ● Compare and contrast the quality of textual evidence used to support what the text says explicitly (e.g., an author’s claim or purpose). 	
	<i>Score 3.5</i>	<i>In addition to a score 3.0 performance, partial success at score 4.0 content</i>
Score 3.0	<p>Target goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cite several pieces of evidence that support what a text says explicitly. ● Cite several pieces of textual evidence that support an inference. 	
	<i>Score 2.5</i>	<i>No major errors or omissions regarding score 2.0 content and partial success at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 2.0	<p>Simpler goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recognize or recall specific vocabulary, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ explicitly, implies, inference, evidence, support, analysis, claim, purpose. ● Identify relevant evidence to support an inference. ● Explain what a text explicitly states 	
	<i>Score 1.5</i>	<i>Partial success at score 2.0 content and major errors or omissions regarding score 3.0 content</i>
Score 1.0	With help, partial success at score 2.0 content and score 3.0 content	
	<i>Score 0.5</i>	<i>With help, partial success at score 2.0 content but not at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 0.0	Even with help, no success	



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Domain: Reading Standards for Literature

Strand: Key Ideas and Details (KID)

Benchmark Code: 7.RL.KID.2

Standard: Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text. (DOK 2)

Score 4.0	<p>In addition to a score 3.0 performance, the student demonstrates in-depth inferences and/or application of knowledge.</p> <p>Examples include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Analyze the development of the theme or central idea over the course of a literary text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot. ● Compare and contrast the strengths of objective summaries of a literary text. 	
	<i>Score 3.5</i>	<i>In addition to a score 3.0 performance, partial success at score 4.0 content</i>
Score 3.0	<p>Target goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Determine a theme or central idea of a text. ● Analyze the development of a theme or central idea over the course of a text. ● Provide an objective summary of a text. 	
	<i>Score 2.5</i>	<i>No major errors or omissions regarding score 2.0 content and partial success at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 2.0	<p>Simpler goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recognize or recall specific vocabulary, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ theme, central idea, convey, summary, objective. ● Identify and sequence key events in text that support theme or central idea. ● Identify parts of the story (e.g., character, setting, conflict, plot) that support theme or central idea. 	
	<i>Score 1.5</i>	<i>Partial success at score 2.0 content and major errors or omissions regarding score 3.0 content</i>
Score 1.0	With help, partial success at score 2.0 content and score 3.0 content	
	<i>Score 0.5</i>	<i>With help, partial success at score 2.0 content but not at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 0.0	Even with help, no success	



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Domain: Reading Standards for Literature

Strand: Craft and Structure (CAS)

Benchmark Code: 7.RL.CAS.4

Standard: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. (DOK 2)

Score 4.0	<p>In addition to a score 3.0 performance, the student demonstrates in-depth inferences and/or application of knowledge.</p> <p>Examples include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Compare and contrast texts with similar tones to analyze the impact of the author’s choice of words and phrases on the tone. ● Compare and contrast texts with different tones to analyze the impact of the author’s choice of words and phrases on the tone. 	
	<i>Score 3.5</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>In addition to a score 3.0 performance, partial success at score 4.0 content</i>
Score 3.0	<p>Target goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings. ● Analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. 	
	<i>Score 2.5</i>	<i>No major errors or omissions regarding score 2.0 content and partial success at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 2.0	<p>Simpler goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recognize and recall specific vocabulary such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ figurative meaning, connotative meaning, tone. ● Identify words and phrases that are used figuratively (vs. literally) and positive or negative connotation. 	
	<i>Score 1.5</i>	<i>Partial success at score 2.0 content and major errors or omissions regarding score 3.0 content</i>
Score 1.0	With help, partial success at score 2.0 content and score 3.0 content	
	<i>Score 0.5</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>With help, partial success at score 2.0 content but not at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 0.0	Even with help, no success	



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Domain: Reading Standards for Literature

Strand: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas (IKI)

Benchmark Code: 7.RL.IKI.9

Standard: Compare and contrast a fictional portrayal of a time, place, or character and a historical account of the same period as a means of understanding how authors of fiction use or alter history. (DOK 2)

Score 4.0	<p>In addition to a score 3.0 performance, the student demonstrates in-depth inferences and/or application of knowledge. Examples include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Evaluate the effectiveness of the author’s approach to portraying historical events through fictional accounts. ● Select several texts to compare/contrast across genres, themes, and topics. 	
	<i>Score 3.5</i>	<i>In addition to a score 3.0 performance, partial success at score 4.0 content</i>
Score 3.0	<p>Target goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Compare and contrast a fictional portrayal of a time, place, or character and a historical account of the same period as a means of understanding how authors of fiction use or alter history. 	
	<i>Score 2.5</i>	<i>No major errors or omissions regarding score 2.0 content and partial success at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 2.0	<p>Simpler goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recognize and recall specific vocabulary such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ compare, contrast, genre, theme. ● Identify events from text that support the time period. ● Identify events from the text that support the topic. 	
	<i>Score 1.5</i>	<i>Partial success at score 2.0 content and major errors or omissions regarding score 3.0 content</i>
Score 1.0	With help, partial success at score 2.0 content and score 3.0 content	
	<i>Score 0.5</i>	<i>With help, partial success at score 2.0 content but not at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 0.0	Even with help, no success	



Domain: Reading Standards for Informational Text Strand: Key Ideas and Details (KID) Benchmark Code: 7.RI.KID.1 Standard: Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (DOK 2)	
Score 4.0	<p>In addition to a score 3.0 performance, the student demonstrates in-depth inferences and/or application of knowledge.</p> <p>Examples include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Compare and contrast the quality of textual evidence used to support an inference. ● Compare and contrast the quality of textual evidence used to support what the text says explicitly (e.g, an author’s claim or purpose).
<i>Score 3.5</i>	<i>In addition to a score 3.0 performance, partial success at score 4.0 content</i>
Score 3.0	<p>Target goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cite several pieces of evidence that support what an informational text says explicitly. ● Cite several pieces of textual evidence that support an inference in informational text.
<i>Score 2.5</i>	<i>In addition to a score 2.0 performance, partial success at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 2.0	<p>Simpler goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recognize or recall specific vocabulary, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ explicitly, imply, inference, evidence, support, and analysis, claim, purpose. ● Identify relevant evidence to support an inference. ● Explain what a text explicitly states. ● Identify inferences based on the text.
<i>Score 1.5</i>	<i>Partial success at score 2.0 content and major errors or omissions regarding score 3.0 content</i>
Score 1.0	With help, partial success at score 2.0 content and score 3.0 content
<i>Score 0.5</i>	<i>With help, partial success at score 2.0 content but not at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 0.0	Even with help, no success



Strand:Key Ideas and Details (KID) Benchmark Code: 7.RI.KID.2 Standard: Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text. (DOK 2)	
Score 4.0	In addition to a score 3.0 performance, the student demonstrates in-depth inferences and/or application of knowledge. Examples include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze central ideas across multiple texts and analyze their development over the course of the texts. Compare and contrast the strengths of objective summaries of an informational text.
<i>Score 3.5</i>	<i>In addition to a score 3.0 performance, partial success at score 4.0 content</i>
Score 3.0	Target goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine two or more central ideas in a text. Analyze the development of two or more central ideas over the course of the text. Provide an objective summary of a text.
<i>Score 2.5</i>	<i>No major errors or omissions regarding score 2.0 content and partial success at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 2.0	Simpler goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize or recall vocabulary such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> central idea, convey, summary, bias, key details, objective. Identify and sequence key events in text that support theme or central idea. Identify parts of the story (e.g., character, setting, conflict, plot) that support theme or central idea.
<i>Score 1.5</i>	<i>Partial success at score 2.0 content and major errors or omissions regarding score 3.0 content</i>
Score 1.0	With help, partial success at score 2.0 content and score 3.0 content
<i>Score 0.5</i>	<i>With help, partial success at score 2.0 content but not at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 0.0	Even with help, no success

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Domain: Reading Standards for Informational Text
Strand: Craft and Structure (CAS)



Benchmark Code: 7.RI.CAS.6 Standard: Determine an author’s point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author distinguishes his or her position from that of others. (DOK 3)		
Score 4.0	In addition to a score 3.0 performance, the student demonstrates in-depth inferences and/or application of knowledge. Examples include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Evaluate authors’ opposing viewpoints. 	
	<i>Score 3.5</i>	<i>In addition to a score 3.0 performance, partial success at score 4.0 content</i>
Score 3.0	Target goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Determine author’s point of view or purpose in a text. ● Analyze how the author distinguishes his or her positions from others. 	
	<i>Score 2.5</i>	<i>No major errors or omissions regarding score 2.0 content and partial success at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 2.0	Simpler goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recognize and recall specific vocabulary such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ point of view, purpose, audience, bias. ● Identify the author’s purpose. ● Identify the point of view of a text. ● Identify specific ways the point of view or purpose is conveyed (e.g., word choice, figurative language, voice, tone). 	
	<i>Score 1.5</i>	<i>Partial success at score 2.0 content and major errors or omissions regarding score 3.0 content</i>
Score 1.0	With help, partial success at score 2.0 content and score 3.0 content	
	<i>Score 0.5</i>	<i>With help, partial success at score 2.0 content but not at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 0.0	Even with help, no success	

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Domain: Reading Standards for Informational Text
Strand: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas (IKI)



Benchmark Code: 7.RI.IK1.8 Standard: Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims. (DOK 3)	
Score 4.0	In addition to a score 3.0 performance, the student demonstrates in-depth inferences and/or application of knowledge. Examples include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trace and evaluate an argument across multiple texts, assessing strength in arguments. • Critique the effectiveness of an argument.
<i>Score 3.5</i>	<i>In addition to a score 3.0 performance, partial success at score 4.0 content</i>
Score 3.0	Target goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trace and evaluate an argument and explicit claims within a text. • Assess whether reasoning is sound and evidence is relevant to support a claim.
<i>Score 2.5</i>	<i>No major errors or omissions regarding score 2.0 content and partial success at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 2.0	Simpler goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize and recall specific vocabulary, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ evaluate, argument, claims, sound, reasoning, relevant/irrelevant, sufficient, assess. • Identify the argument presented using specific details in an informational text. • Identify evidence used to support specific claims in an information text.
<i>Score 1.5</i>	<i>Partial success at score 2.0 content and major errors or omissions regarding score 3.0 content</i>
Score 1.0	With help, partial success at score 2.0 content and score 3.0 content
<i>Score 0.5</i>	<i>With help, partial success at score 2.0 content but not at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 0.0	Even with help, no success

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Domain: Writing Standards	
Strand: Text Types and Purposes (TTP)	
Benchmark Code: 7.W.TTP.1	
Standard: Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.	



(DOK 3)	
Score 4.0	<p>In addition to a score 3.0 performance, the student demonstrates in-depth inferences and/or application of knowledge.</p> <p>Examples include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Write arguments to support two or more claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence; use transitions to signify a counterclaim. ● Present an exemplary argument that supports claims with clear reasons, and relevant evidence and explain why it is exemplary..
<i>Score 3.5</i>	<i>In addition to a score 3.0 performance, partial success at score 4.0 content</i>
Score 3.0	<p>Target goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons. ● Write arguments to support claims with relevant evidence.
<i>Score 2.5</i>	<i>No major errors or omissions regarding score 2.0 content and partial success at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 2.0	<p>Simpler goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recognize and recall specific vocabulary such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ argument, claim, reason, relevant, and evidence. ● Introduce claim. ● Organize reasons and relevant evidence to support claim. ● Write a concluding statement related to the argument.
<i>Score 1.5</i>	<i>Partial success at score 2.0 content and major errors or omissions regarding score 3.0 content</i>
Score 1.0	With help, partial success at score 2.0 content and score 3.0 content
<i>Score 0.5</i>	<i>With help, partial success at score 2.0 content but not at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 0.0	Even with help, no success

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Domain: Writing Standards

Strand: Text Types and Purposes (TTP)

Benchmark Code: 7.W.TTP.2

Standard: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content. (DOK 3)



Score 4.0	In addition to a score 3.0 performance, the student demonstrates in-depth inferences and/or application of knowledge. Examples include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a topic with relevant, well-chosen information and examples. • Write an informative/explanatory text by organizing ideas, concepts, and information into broad categories. 	
	<i>Score 3.5</i>	<i>In addition to a score 3.0 performance, partial success at score 4.0 content</i>
Score 3.0	Target goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through selections, organization, and analysis of relevant content. 	
	<i>Score 2.5</i>	<i>No major errors or omissions regarding score 2.0 content and partial success at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 2.0	Simpler goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize and recall specific vocabulary, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ topic, thesis, analysis, explanatory, development, organization. • Introduce a topic when writing an informative/explanatory text. • Use strategies to organize ideas, concepts, and information when writing an informative/explanatory text. 	
	<i>Score 1.5</i>	<i>Partial success at score 2.0 content and major errors or omissions regarding score 3.0 content</i>
Score 1.0	With help, partial success at score 2.0 content and score 3.0 content	
	<i>Score 0.5</i>	<i>With help, partial success at score 2.0 content but not at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 0.0	Even with help, no success	

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Domain: Language Standards

Strand: Conventions of Standard English (CSE)

Benchmark Code: 7.L.CSE.1

Standard: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English when writing or speaking. (DOK 2)



Score 4.0	In addition to a score 3.0 performance, the student demonstrates in-depth inferences and/or application of knowledge. Examples include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Edit the work of others with minimal or no errors. 	
	<i>Score 3.5</i>	<i>In addition to a score 3.0 performance, partial success at score 4.0 content</i>
Score 3.0	Target goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization and punctuation when writing or speaking. ● Demonstrate conventions of standard English spelling when writing. 	
	<i>Score 2.5</i>	<i>No major errors or omissions regarding score 2.0 content and partial success at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 2.0	Simpler goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recognize and recall vocabulary such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ command of, conventions, capitalization, punctuation, grammar. ● Identify correct use of capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and grammar conventions in writing. 	
	<i>Score 1.5</i>	<i>Partial success at score 2.0 content and major errors or omissions regarding score 3.0 content</i>
Score 1.0	With help, partial success at score 2.0 content and score 3.0 content	
	<i>Score 0.5</i>	<i>With help, partial success at score 2.0 content but not at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 0.0	Even with help, no success	

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Domain: Speaking and Listening Standards

Strand: Comprehension and Collaboration (CAC)

Benchmark Code: 7.SL.CAC.1

Standard: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. (DOK 3)



Score 4.0	In addition to a score 3.0 performance, the student demonstrates in-depth inferences and/or application of knowledge. Examples include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lead group collaborations and discussions above and beyond expectations (e.g., note taker, facilitator). 	
	<i>Score 3.5</i>	<i>In addition to a score 3.0 performance, partial success at score 4.0 content</i>
Score 3.0	Target goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Engage effectively in a range of diverse collaborative discussions. ● Build on others' ideas. ● Express own ideas clearly. 	
	<i>Score 2.5</i>	<i>No major errors or omissions regarding score 2.0 content and partial success at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 2.0	Simpler goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recognize and recall vocabulary such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ engage, collaborative, discussion, and diverse. ● Prepare for group discussion by reading grade 7 topics, texts and issues. ● Define individual roles and set specific goals and deadlines. ● Ask and respond to detailed questions. 	
	<i>Score 1.5</i>	<i>Partial success at score 2.0 content and major errors or omissions regarding score 3.0 content</i>
Score 1.0	With help, partial success at score 2.0 content and score 3.0 content	
	<i>Score 0.5</i>	<i>With help, partial success at score 2.0 content but not at score 3.0 content</i>
Score 0.0	Even with help, no success	