

## Practice Test Alignment Document

### English Language Arts | Grade 9

Sequence Number	Standard	Learning Target
<b>Session 1</b>		
1	Passage	
2	RI.9-10.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper).	Determine the meaning of a phrase using context; choose supporting evidence from the text.
3	RI.9-10.7 Analyze various accounts of a subject told in different mediums (e.g., a person's life story in both print and multimedia), determining which details are emphasized in each account.	Determine which concept in a text a graphic demonstrates.
4	RI.9-10.5 Analyze in detail how an author's ideas or claims are developed and refined by particular sentences, paragraphs, or larger portions of a text (e.g., a section or chapter).	Determine which detail best supports a claim in a text.
5	RI.9-10.6 Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how an author uses rhetoric to advance that point of view or purpose.	Determine an author's purpose in a specific paragraph of a text.
6	RI.9-10.2 Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.	Determine specific details that help explain a central idea in a text.
7	RI.9-10.2 Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.	Determine a central idea in a text; choose supporting evidence from the text.

8	Passage	
9	RL.9-10.1 Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	Make an inference based on information in a text.
10	RL.9-10.5 Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure a text, order events within it (e.g., parallel plots), and manipulate time (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) create such effects as mystery, tension, or surprise.	Analyze how specific paragraphs contribute to the development of a text.
11	RL.9-10.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language evokes a sense of time and place; how it sets a formal or informal tone).	Identify figurative language and explain its effect in a text.
12	RL.9-10.5 Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure a text, order events within it (e.g., parallel plots), and manipulate time (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) create such effects as mystery, tension, or surprise.	Analyze how specific paragraphs help develop the plot of a text.
13	RL.9-10.3 Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.	Determine which details in a text best support a description of a character.
14	RL.9-10.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.	Determine a theme of a text.
15	Passage	
16	RI.9-10.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper).	Determine the meaning of a word using context.

17	RI.9-10.5 Analyze in detail how an author's ideas or claims are developed and refined by particular sentences, paragraphs, or larger portions of a text (e.g., a section or chapter).	Analyze the effect of a particular reference in a text.
18	RI.9-10.3 Analyze how the author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the connections that are drawn between them.	Determine which details help develop an idea in a text.
19	RI.9-10.2 Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.	Analyze how an author develops a central idea of a text; choose supporting evidence from the text.
20	RI.9-10.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper).	Analyze how an author uses language to create the tone of a text.
21	RI.9-10.6 Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how an author uses rhetoric to advance that point of view or purpose.	Analyze two texts to compare how the authors support ideas in the texts.
22	RI.9-10.6 Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how an author uses rhetoric to advance that point of view or purpose.	Analyze two texts to determine a point of view the authors share; choose supporting evidence from each text.
<b>Session 2</b>		
1	Audio Passage	
2	SL.9-10.1.d Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.	Determine the main purpose of a discussion.
3	SL.9-10.2 Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source.	Apply information from a discussion to new examples or real-world contexts.

4	SL.9-10.1.d Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.	Draw two inferences based on information presented in a discussion.
5	L.9-10.1.a Use parallel structure.	Determine which revision to a sentence provides a parallel structure.
6	L.9-10.2.c Spell correctly.	Identify a misspelled word and enter the correct spelling of the word.
7	L.9-10.3 Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.	Determine the most effective word to use in a sentence.
8	W.9-10.5 Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grades 9–10 here.)	Determine the best conclusion for an article.
9*	W.9-10.1 Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.	Write a multi-paragraph argument based on provided passages; clearly state a claim and support that claim with details, examples, and evidence.

\*This is a hand-scored question. The rubric can be found at the end of this document for reference.

# Scoring Rubric

## Argument – Grade 9

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Written Expression	<p>The response clearly states a claim based on the texts, and the argument is supported with relevant and effective details, examples, and evidence. The response demonstrates an effective organizational structure that conveys a sense of completeness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The claim is effectively introduced and communicated, and the focus is strongly maintained for the purpose, audience, and task.</li> <li>A meaningful organizational structure, including a clear introduction, body, and conclusion, is established and maintained.</li> <li>Comprehensive evidence from the sources is integrated; references to the text are relevant and specific.</li> <li>Ideas are presented clearly and logically from beginning to end; strong connections between and among ideas are present.</li> <li>Alternate or opposing viewpoints are clearly acknowledged and soundly addressed.</li> </ul>	<p>The response states a claim connected to the texts, and the argument is supported with details, examples, and/or evidence. The response is adequately organized and generally focused.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The claim is introduced and the focus is maintained for the purpose, audience, and task.</li> <li>An organizational structure, including an introduction, body, and conclusion, is present.</li> <li>Evidence from the sources is included; references to the text are generally appropriate.</li> <li>A progression of ideas is evident; connections between and among ideas are present.</li> <li>Alternate or opposing viewpoints are adequately acknowledged and addressed.</li> </ul>	<p>The response attempts to state a claim based on the texts, but it may demonstrate a partial understanding of major ideas. Some support may be present, but connections among ideas may be weak or underdeveloped. An attempt at an organizational structure for the argument is present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The claim is introduced but may not be clear, and focus may not be sustained.</li> <li>Some attempt at an organizational structure is present, but the effect may be inconsistent or uneven.</li> <li>Some evidence from sources may be included but is weakly linked to the argument.</li> <li>The progression of ideas is weak; connections between ideas may be missing or unclear.</li> <li>Alternate or opposing viewpoints, if present, are unevenly addressed.</li> </ul>	<p>The response may be related to an argument about the texts, but understanding of major ideas is limited. Details, examples, and evidence are incorrect, incomplete, or missing, and an insufficient organizational structure contributes to a lack of focus and sense of completeness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The claim is insufficiently stated or missing, and the focus is not maintained.</li> <li>Little to no organizational structure is present.</li> <li>Evidence is irrelevant, incomplete, incorrect, or missing.</li> <li>Ideas may be randomly ordered or have an unclear progression.</li> <li>Alternate or opposing viewpoints are confused or missing.</li> </ul>

Conventions	<p>The response demonstrates a strong command of conventions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A variety of sentence structures are well-formed and effectively controlled.</li> <li>Command of usage and grammar is strong and effective, enhancing the content of the response.</li> <li>Spelling, punctuation, and capitalization are largely correct.</li> </ul>	<p>The response demonstrates an adequate command of conventions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A variety of sentence structures are formed and adequately controlled.</li> <li>Command of usage and grammar is sufficient.</li> <li>Errors in spelling, punctuation, and capitalization do not impede clarity.</li> </ul>	<p>The response demonstrates a partial command of conventions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sentence formation and control are limited.</li> <li>Command of usage and grammar is uneven.</li> <li>Errors in spelling, punctuation, and capitalization are obvious and impede clarity.</li> </ul>	<p>The response demonstrates little to no command of conventions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sentence formation and control are severely limited or nonexistent.</li> <li>Errors in grammar and usage are frequent.</li> <li>Spelling, punctuation, and capitalization are mostly incorrect and unclear.</li> </ul>
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A response cannot be scored if it displays any of the following characteristics.

- Consists entirely of text that is copied from the prompt and/or passage (**CP**)
- Is completely off topic (**OT**)
- Is incoherent (**IN**)
- Is not written in the target language (**NL**)
- Is blank (**BB**)
- Is inadequate for scoring (**IS**) *\*includes refusals*