

Standard Short Answer Response Rubric

	4 - Exceeds Standard	3 - Achieved Standard	2 - Approached Standard	1 - Beginning to meet Standard
Accuracy	Response demonstrates a thorough understanding of the subject, and makes connections to related concepts or “big picture” understanding suggested by the prompt	Response demonstrates a thorough understanding of the subject and accurately responds to all components of the prompt	Response demonstrates an understanding of the subject, but may show some minor misconceptions or not address all components of the prompt	Response demonstrates some understanding of the subject and at least one or more major misconceptions, may not address all components of the prompt
Construction	Response has no flaws in grammar or construction. The response appropriately addresses the prompt or question AND audience with use of claims, evidence, and commentary. Direct quotes are expertly embedded within commentary	Response has few, minor errors in grammar that do not impede understanding. The response is appropriately constructed to address the prompt or question with use of claims, evidence, and commentary. Some direct quotes are embedded within commentary	Response has several minor errors in grammar that impede understanding. The response may not be appropriately constructed to address the prompt, may not make a clear claim, or connect evidence to claim	Response has several errors in grammar that impede understanding. The response may not include key components or may just summarize the prompt/question. No clear claim is made, or no commentary exists to connect claims to evidence
Completeness	Response includes detailed evidence appropriate for the prompt (direct quotes, paraphrase, examples, etc.) and audience. Evidence used clearly relates to prompt and demonstrates mastery of the subject within the broader learning context	Response includes detailed evidence appropriate for the prompt (direct quotes, paraphrase, examples, etc.). Evidence is relevant and demonstrates mastery of the subject at hand	Response includes some evidence appropriate for the prompt (direct quotes, paraphrase, examples, etc.) but may include limited or irrelevant evidence. Evidence shows some mastery of the subject at hand	Response does not include evidence, or the evidence is not relevant to the author’s claim or the subject at hand. If evidence is present, it does not clearly show mastery of the subject at hand