State of Kansas Multidisciplinary Performance Task - Grades 6-8 Argument

6-8 Argument	Student's Response				
PL:	4	3	2	1	
Focus/Argument	States a clear argument related to the resources and prompt, and maintains it throughout the work	States a clear argument related to resources and prompt and mostly maintains it throughout the work	States a somewhat clear argument, which may lose focus sporadically throughout the work	Does not state a clear argument, or stated argument is unrelated to resources or prompt	
Evidence	Uses relevant and accurate details/evidence from two or more resources to support argument	Uses mostly relevant and accurate details/ evidence from two or more resources to support argument	Uses some relevant and accurate details/evidence from one or more resources to support argument	☐ Does not use relevant and accurate details or evidence from resources to support argument	
Argument	Consistently uses grade- appropriate strategies to clarify relationships between and among ideas, and to connect evidence to argument	Adequately uses grade- appropriate strategies to clarify relationships between and among ideas and to connect evidence to argument	Inconsistently uses grade- appropriate strategies to clarify relationships between and among ideas and to connect evidence to argument	Shows little or no attempt to clarify relationships between and among ideas or connect evidence to argument	
	Consistently and accurately uses domain-specific words to develop and support argument	Adequately uses domain-specific words to develop and support argument	☐ Inconsistently uses domain- specific words to develop and support argument	Uses few or no domain-specific words to develop and support argument	
Conventions	Is readable with most grade- level conventions used correctly and may use them creatively to enhance the message; minor mistakes do not impede the reader's ability to understand the writer's meaning	☐ Is readable with most grade- level conventions used correctly; mistakes do not affect the reader's ability to understand the writer's meaning	Is readable but some errors in grade-level conventions negatively impact the reader's ability to understand the writer's meaning	☐ Is nearly unreadable due to pervasive errors in grade-level conventions	



State of Kansas Multidisciplinary Performance Task - Grades 6-8 Informative/Explanatory

6-8 Inf./Expl.	Student's Response				
PL:	4	3	2	1	
Focus	States and maintains a clear controlling idea that directly addresses the resources and prompt	States and maintains a clear controlling idea that mostly addresses the resources and prompt	States a controlling idea somewhat related to the resources and prompt	Does not state a clear controlling idea, or stated controlling idea is largely unrelated to resources or prompt	
Support	Uses relevant and accurate facts, definitions, and details from two or more resources to help explain the controlling idea	Uses mostly relevant and accurate facts, definitions, and details from two or more resources to help explain the controlling idea	Uses some relevant and accurate facts, definitions, and details from one or more resources to help explain the controlling idea	☐ Does not use relevant or accurate facts, definitions, or details from the resources to help explain the controlling idea	
Connections and Audience	Consistently uses grade- appropriate strategies to clarify relationships between and among ideas, and to help explain the controlling idea	Adequately uses grade- appropriate strategies to clarify relationships between and among ideas, and to help explain the controlling idea	Inconsistently uses grade- appropriate strategies to clarify relationships between and among ideas, and to help explain the controlling idea	Shows little or no attempt to clarify relationships between and among ideas, or to help explain the controlling idea	
	Consistently and accurately uses domain-specific words to develop and explain ideas	Adequately uses domain-specific words to develop and explain ideas	Inconsistently uses domain- specific words to develop and explain ideas	Uses few or no domain-specific words to develop and explain ideas	
Conventions	Is readable with most grade- level conventions used correctly and may use them creatively to enhance the message; minor mistakes do not impede the reader's ability to understand the writer's meaning	☐ Is readable with most grade- level conventions used correctly; mistakes do not affect the reader's ability to understand the writer's meaning	Is readable but some errors in grade-level conventions negatively impact the reader's ability to understand the writer's meaning	☐ Is nearly unreadable due to pervasive errors in grade-level conventions	



State of Kansas Multidisciplinary Performance Task - Grades 6-8 Narrative

6-8 Narrative	Student's Response					
PL:	4	3	2	1		
Storyline and Characters	☐ Effectively establishes a setting and a narrator/character(s) OR maintains a setting and a narrator/character(s)	Adequately establishes a setting and a narrator/character(s) OR maintains a setting and a narrator/character(s)	Unevenly or minimally establishes a setting and a narrator/character(s) OR unevenly or minimally maintains a setting and a narrator/ character(s)	Shows little or no attempt to establish a setting and a narrator/character(s) OR shows little or no attempt to maintain a setting and a narrator/character(s)		
Development	☐ Effectively uses dialogue and/ or descriptions to develop characters and/or situations	Adequately uses dialogue and/ or descriptions to develop characters and/or situations	Unevenly or minimally uses dialogue and/or descriptions to develop character(s) and/or situations	Shows little or no attempt to use dialogue and/or descriptions to develop character(s) and/or situations		
	Effectively uses grade- appropriate sensory details to convey experiences and events	Adequately uses grade- appropriate sensory details to convey experiences and events	Unevenly uses grade- appropriate sensory details to convey experiences and events	Uses few or no grade- appropriate sensory details to convey experiences and events		
Sequencing	Purposefully uses grade- appropriate temporal words and phrases to signal event order	Uses some grade-appropriate temporal words and phrases to signal event order	Uses few grade-appropriate temporal words and phrases to signal event order	☐ Does not use any grade- appropriate temporal words or phrases to signal event order		
Introduction and Conclusion	☐ Includes an effective and grade- appropriate introduction and conclusion	☐ Includes an adequate and grade- appropriate introduction and conclusion	☐ Might include a grade- appropriate introduction or conclusion, but one or both are weak.	☐ Does not include an introduction or a conclusion.		
Conventions	Is readable with most grade- level conventions used correctly and may use them creatively to enhance the message; minor mistakes do not impede the reader's ability to understand the writer's meaning	☐ Is readable with most grade- level conventions used correctly; mistakes do not affect the reader's ability to understand the writer's meaning	Is readable but some errors in grade-level conventions negatively impact the reader's ability to understand the writer's meaning	☐ Is nearly unreadable due to pervasive errors in grade-level conventions		

