

Scoring rubric

The rubric that will be used to score constructed responses ELA samples is provided below. Take a minute to review it.

Score	Description
0	No response or the response does not address the prompt
1	Fulfills only 1 of 2 requirements of a level 2 performance
2	Explains how the poem exemplifies the idiom; provides 2 examples from the poem in support



Activity

Use the following rubric to assess the three sample student work products provided. If you are completing this module with colleagues, share how you have rated the student work product before watching the video to see how the master scorer has rated the work.

Sample response 1

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