

# **GMAS LITERACY WRITTEN RESPONSES**

**HELP WITH CONSTRUCTED RESPONSES (CR),  
EXTENDED RESPONSES (ECR), AND OTHER  
EXTENDED WRITTEN RESPONSES (EWR)**

# READING AND WRITING



Text dependent writing is the type of writing found on Milestones.

The writer is prompted to include information from a text (or texts) when developing his/her response.

# **2 POINT:** (WILL HAVE ONLY 2 CR)

- Restate the question into a statement.
- Answer the question in a complete sentence.
- Give evidence from your reading to prove your answer. Strive for 2 supporting sentences!
- Proofread.

# EXAMPLE

- What is the main idea of the passage? Use details from the passage in your answer.

# SAMPLE STEM

- What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the passage? Use details from the passage in your answer.

# **4 POINT** (WILL HAVE ONLY 1 ECR) **ALWAYS A NARRATIVE**

- Think about the plot of the passage you read.
- Think about the theme of the passage you read.
- Understand your characters in the passage you read.
- Be ready to write a narrative.

# **BRAINSTORM ALL THE POSSIBLE IDEAS A WRITER COULD DO TO A NARRATIVE**

- Write a new beginning.
- Rewrite the ending.
- Create a conversation full of dialogue between two characters in the story.
- Rewrite the story in a new setting.
- Rewrite the story in a new voice.
- What else?

# EXAMPLE

Continue the story by writing about what happens to Lin next. As you write, be sure to think about what you have learned about Lin so far.



# SAMPLE STEM

Recreate a portion of the story by writing about \_\_\_\_\_ . As you write, be sure to think about what you \_\_\_\_\_ .

# PAIRED TEXTS

- Read two passages on similar topic.
- Respond to a extended writing prompt.
- Important to understand the prompt and start a plan.
- Use text evidence from the passages to support your writing.

# 7 POINT (WILL HAVE ONLY 1 EWR)

## USING PAIRED TEXTS

- Read BOTH passages.
  - Draw a line down your scratch paper to make 2 columns. Write A and B at the top.
  - Jot down important information from both passages that answers the prompt.
- Put into sentences your jot list.
  - HAVE to include evidence from both passages A and B.
- Then elaborate!
- Wrap up your piece.

# OPINION EXAMPLE

Write an essay that states your opinion about why space exploration is important for the future of our country. Use details and information from the passages to support your opinion. In your essay, be sure to include:

- a clear statement of your opinion to continue space exploration.
- details from the passages to support your opinion.

# INFORMATIONAL EXAMPLE

Write an informational essay explaining how you know that Ponce de Leon was determined to find gold in his quest for wealth. In your essay be sure to

- Include at least two examples from Passage A to support your answer.
- Include at least two examples from Passage B to support your answer.
- Explain how these examples show his determination.

# OPINION SAMPLE STEM

Write an essay that states your opinion about \_\_\_\_\_ . Use details and information from the passages to support your opinion. In your essay, be sure to include:

- a clear statement of your opinion to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- details from the passage A to support your opinion.
- details from the passage B to support your opinion.

# INFORMATIONAL SAMPLE STEM

Write an informational essay that explains how \_\_\_\_\_ . In your essay, be sure to include:

- At least 2 examples from passage A to support your answer.
- At least 2 examples from passage B to support your answer.
- Explain how these examples show \_\_\_\_\_ .