

Looking for Alaska

Essay Rubric



Reading Standard 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.

Reading Standard 1: Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

Writing Standard 1: Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

	Ideas	Organization	Style	MUGS
4	Creatively answers the prompt. Student's ideas are supported with many textual details.	Strong paragraph structure, with clear introduction, thesis statement, solid conclusion and specific textual details.	Good variety of sentence structure, length and sentence starters. Use of academic language.	Typed according to MLA Typing Guidelines. 1-2 spelling/grammar errors.
3	Answers the prompt. Includes a balance of student's original ideas and support from text.	Clear paragraph structure, with introduction, thesis statement, conclusion and supporting details.	Variety of sentences and use of academic language.	Typed, but missing 1-2 Typing Guidelines. 3-4 spelling or grammar errors.
2	May not fully answer the prompt. Student's ideas are missing support from the text. Needs more explanation or development.	May lack paragraph structure, thesis statement unclear, missing supporting details, weak introduction or conclusion.	Similar sentence starters and structure, repetitive. Lack of academic language.	Typed, but missing 3+ Typing Guidelines, 5+ spelling/grammar Errors.
1	Does not answer the prompt. Student's ideas seem incomplete, thesis is unclear or missing any textual details.	Lack of paragraph structure, no textual details or support for ideas, missing introduction or conclusion.	Sentence structure is repetitive, very little academic language.	Not typed. No attention to spelling/grammar, or MLA Format. Needs serious editing.
	Total Points:		Average Score:	