

Key “Look fors” in an Extended Response

Evidence of understanding of what the question is asking
A Claim is made / Re-stating of the question to form the topic sentence
Demonstrates an understanding of the key words in the question (both testing words and key content words)
Evidence from the text (specific examples, quotes, etc.) (cited correctly if applicable)
Elaboration of evidence (explains the evidence, the significance of the evidence, and/ or the connection of the evidence)
Evidence is connected to other evidence included in answer and the topic sentence (demonstrates an understanding of the relationships between these pieces)
Proper use of conventions (capitalization, punctuation, spelling, etc.)