



ELA/Literacy
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Grade 10
Conventions

Sample Student Responses
(from all 3 released tasks)

Anchor Set

A1 – A8

In a dark dungeon lays a man that was once a ruler. The splattering of water echoes around him; the *drip, drip, drip* was enough to drive anyone mad. A new king now sat in his throne, a kingdom run by a new family. A man he once trusted betrayed him with promises, and now he sat alone and cold in a dungeon that he once controlled. Meanwhile, in a land far away, two men meet on ice. The doctor calls the other a demon, malice and hate strong in his voice. He created this monster, and now he promised to finish him. Both of these tales have many similarities, and, today, the reader shall see the comparisons.

In Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, the reader first meets a man named Prospero. Quickly, by the tone of his first words, the person realizes Prospero is not a very nice man. He has enslaved a man, and is asking for him to come forth to him. Here, Caliban enters. At first, the reader questions if even Caliban is the good guy; his first words are filled with disloathing towards Prospero, seeing as he wishes he catches the plaque. Soon, though, the reader realizes that Prospero has done Caliban wrong and taken over the city which was once his. Caliban had put his trust in Prospero and had shown him his city. By inferring, the person learns that Prospero had promised Caliban that he would teach him how to be God-like, referring to how God made day and night. In Mary Shelley's *The Frankenstein*, the same happens. Dr. Frankenstein had put his trust into his creation, only to be betrayed. Dr. Frankenstein and Caliban are very trusting men, and they trust the wrong person. They both tried to do something for the better, and both turned out the opposite; Caliban loses his city, and Dr. Frankenstein's creation begins to murder people.

In *The Tempest*, the reader infers that Prospero is sly and cunning, seeing as he was able to make Caliban trust him before he overtook his city. Dr. Frankenstein's creation also seems smooth talking as he tries to bargain with the doctor for justice. His creation wallows in the misery of his life. Both he and Prospero got a man to put trust in him, only to turn back on their word.

Both the remarkable play and praise-worthy novel are based on one thing: mistrust. Mistrust was the downfall of both Caliban and Dr. Frankenstein. Prospero gave promises of helping Caliban with his city, and now he sets on the throne himself as Caliban rots in his own dungeon. Dr. Frankenstein gave hope and life to his creation, only for him to slaughter people. Both show a part of life that is always there: mistrust and betrayal. With that, the reader can show sympathy.

In conclusion, both Shakespeare's *The Tempest* and Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* have two trusting individuals that have been betrayed by someone they placed trust in. Both show the reader that trust should not be taken lightly. Both are stories of woes and rising action, and are praised and read still to this day.

Annotations

Anchor Paper 1

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Score Point 3

The response demonstrates full command of the conventions at an appropriate level of complexity with correct use of apostrophes, commas, and hyphens, as well as compound and complex sentences. Minor errors do not impede meaning (*disloathing, plaque*).

My friends and I had all decided to go camping together for the weekend. We had just finished setting up our tents and were trying to think of something to do to pass the time. Kelly suggested we play a few rounds of man hunt.

"It's fun at home and there aren't even really good hiding places in our neighborhood, imagine how cool it would be to play in the woods." She said. We all agreed and split up into two teams of three. Isabel, Emma, and I were going to hide first. The other team started a timer for five minutes on their phone so they knew when to come looking for us. We immediately set off at a sprint into the woods. After we had been running for what seemed like forever we slowed to a stop.

Panting and struggling to get out words between laughing and trying to catch my breath I suggested that we just keep walking, because there was absolutely no way they would be anywhere close to us. So we did. We kept walking farther and farther into the woods laughing and joking around, knowing that we had this game in the bag. It had started to get dark and there was still no sign of the other team. That's when Emma suggested we turn back.

After a short debate over which way we had to go to get back to our campsite we decided to just walk in the exact opposite direction that we had been. That seemed to work out well for a while until Isabel pointed out a bush that looked familiar and that she thought we had passed several times already. It was getting very dark very quickly at the point, and I decided we should just give in and call the other girls. I pulled out my phone, but there was no signal. Isabel and Emma had the same result with their own phones. That's when the panic really started to set in.

We kept walking, hoping that we were at least sort of walking towards our campsite, calling out the names of the girls on the other team. We were all starting to get tired and hungry. We hadn't signed up to get lost in the woods, just for a nice innocent game of manhunt. Every single tree looked the same, there had been no side of anyone on the other team, and we were hopelessly lost.

"I got this, guys." Isabel said, "My little brother's a boyscout and I watch *Man Vs. Wild* on Netflix all the time." We had decided to just stay where we were for the night. At this point, the other girls must at least be looking for us right? Emma and I watched as Isabel started to make a pile of twigs for a fire and look for bugs under rocks.

"Ummm, are you sure you know what you're doing?" Emma asked her. Isabel simply replied by hitting some rocks together in an attempt to spark a fire and repeating that she had everything under control. Isabel was a great friend, but we didn't exactly trust her enough to eat whatever she was pulling out of the ground especially after she listed her credentials and after her attempt to start a fire went up in flames, not literally of course. It was a complete failure. And apparently she didn't find whatever it was all too appetizing either, because she didn't eat it.

We had already for the most part given up hope, but that's when we really knew for sure that our situation was hopeless. We checked our phones one last time and were disappointed when an "E" in the top left corner greeted us instead of a few little bars, signifying that we had no signal. So we put our phones down and sat, waiting for some kind of miracle, because our phones, which we thought could save us from any situation, and our Netflix obtained survival knowledge, had both failed us when it counted most.

Annotations

Anchor Paper 2

Conventions

Score Point 3

Although the response contains some spelling errors (*immediatly, finised, absouletly, farmiliar, appartly* [apparently], *signifying*), many other words are spelled correctly (*imagine, struggling, innocent, credentials, appetizing*), and control of mechanics, grammar, and usage is demonstrated throughout. A variety of complex sentence structures is attempted, mostly successfully, although there are a few instances of omitted commas. The minor errors in the response do not obscure meaning; overall, the response demonstrates full command of standard English at an appropriate level of complexity.

In the video on the New Deal, Roosevelt focuses on putting people to work. He thinks the way to end the Great Depression is to get people working and earning money. In the Forgotten Man, Roosevelt thinks we need to raise the prices of farm goods. Farmers support us and they are not making enough money to pay for the supplies to grow the crops. Also he thinks local banks need support so they do not get bought out and a monopoly is not formed. In the Inaugural Address, Roosevelt thinks to solve the problem we need to put people to work, like in the video on the New Deal. He thinks we need to recruit the government and act in a rush almost as if we are going to war.

Annotations

Anchor Paper 3

Conventions

Score Point 2

A few sentences lack appropriate punctuation (*Also he thinks local banks need support so they do not get bought out and a monopoly is not formed*), but meaning is generally clear. Overall, the response demonstrates some command of the conventions of standard English at an appropriate level of complexity.

We were in a dire situation; the truck broke down and our gps was not working. We were stuck in the desert with no transportation and low supplies. One man went out to see if he can find a tribe or a village, but that was about three days ago. One day we decided that we all move out together instead of waiting to die.

We've been traveling for three day now with no luck so far. Long hot days and short cold nights. We tried to stay in a straight path, but with the desert, no one could tell. One time a man triped out of tiredness and fell down the dune, when we got to him he was already dead. Anothe man died in his sleep when we tried to wake up he wouldn't, I guess thats a peace ful way to go.

We all thought we got lucky one day when saw what looked like a vehicle in the distance. All of us with a burst of joy and energy ran towards the vehicle. As we soon got closer we stopped dead in our tracks, realizing that it was the broken down

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truck we abandoned days ago. As we were getting ready to leave a man collapsed and started sobbing. We tried to get him to stand up but he wouldn't. So we left him there.

Days have passed, there were only two of us left as others got lost or gave up and waited to die. We came across with many bodies of our companions realizing we were just going in circles. As we came across the truck for the third and final time we found the man that cried until he died. With no supplies left and realizing that it was hopeless the remaining two of us just sat there beside the truck and waited.

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Anchor Paper 4

Conventions

Score Point 2

The response demonstrates some command of the conventions of standard English at an appropriate level of complexity. There is an error in usage (*dessert* [desert]), a misspelling (*triped*), and an incorrect contraction (*thats*). A pattern of misused or missing commas suggests some lack of control of punctuation and sentence formation, but the errors only occasionally impede understanding and meaning is generally clear.

My friend brianna and I were out in the woods one day, it was cool but not cold. leaves were falling from the trees crunching under our feet as we ran and played for hours. my dad hated me and brianna playing out there, always afraid we would lose our way not being able to return home. so one day my dad had red paint and went outside. curiously I followed him. "what are you going to do with that oaint?" i asked him. "im marking the trees". he wandered out into the woods and we walked together for a few moments until he stopped. we wernt that far out but i could no longer see the house. "no going pass the red trees." my father explained. "anything pass that, and im not going to be happy with you. i want to always make sure your safe." he said. the next day brianna came over and like always we went to the woods, playing with stick fighting like swords we came upon the red trees. i stopped and looked at brianna. she had stopped to and her face went blank. "what is that?" brianna asked curiously. "we cant go pass them, my dad said" i explained. brianna laughed and just kept going pass the trees. "brianna what are you doing were going to get in trouble!" i yelled. "come on, your dad dosnt have to know, plus we know how to get back we do it all the time! come on lets play!" i looked at the trees one more time and ran, chasing brianna. we played for hours not realize where we were going or where we were at. it was starting to get dark, and i always had to be in the house at sunset. i looked around the woods to figure out where we were but nothing looked familiar anymore. i looked at brianna and asked "brianna, where are we, do you remeber how to get back?" " no." brianna said confused. "i knew this was a bad idea we should have listened to my dad!" i said starting to panic. brianna and i took of running hoping it was in the right direction but nothing. nothing led us back home. it was starting to get darker and we both started to cry. scared, and not knowing what to do we screamed for my dad, but herd nothing. it got darker and we could barley see anything. brianna and i curled up under some big tree that had fallen over. we covered up with our jackets and fell asleep. the next day we started to walk again, but it lead us no where. we felt like we were going in circles for hours. i sat down on a rock, starving, and tired. as i was sitting there i saw a bush that had berries on it. i had been in girl scouts for years so i knew to look for ones that were safe to eat. brianna and i both took the berries and ate them, they wernt very good but at that point we knew, it was the berries or nothing. later we started to walk even more starting to give up hope, but then we herd something. we both looked at eachother in silence. it was a mumbled voice from a far distance. brianna and i started to run in joy hearing the voice call our names.

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Anchor Paper 5

Conventions

Score Point 1

The response demonstrates limited command of the conventions of standard English at an appropriate level of complexity. There are frequent usage errors (*pass* [past], *to* [too], *herd* [heard], *wondered* [wandered], *barley* [barely]) and a notable lack of capitalization. The response does, however, provide evidence of some awareness of appropriate sentence formation, and spelling is mostly correct. Overall, because of the frequency and variety of errors, command of conventions is limited.

dr. frankenstein is similar to prospero because they were both in charge of a master. dr. frankenstein is a creature. he is punishing him because he thought he was disobeying him. Prospero is a master, he is very selfish to caliban. they both have something in common because they were both being unfair.

dr. frankenstein is very similar to prospero because dr. frankenstein thinks of only for himself. he thought the man he created was disobeying him. He knows he was doing the goodness and he was very compassionate. he tries to explain that he was benevolent, his soul glowed with love and humanity. He hated his creation. The man he created tries to explain what he's been doing and he's been doing good and he should not get punished.

Prospero is sort of like a master. He also thinks of himself. he bosses caliban around. caliban says he also owns the island, so he thinks he can't just boss him around. he thinks of caliban as a slave, he punishes him by keeping him out of the island.

the man created by frankenstein, he thinks he's been doing good. He knows that all men have hated him, but his creator he purpose to kill him and he didn't like it. that's when he became disobeying him because he knows he's been doing good and was very compassionate. He thinks he has no right to kill him.

caliban thinks he owns the island too. prospero thinks he is the king and caliban must not be the same as him. prospero is very powerful, whatever he says people will do. and caliban thinks he's the only one left that related to prospero. prospero taught caliban language, but prospero said that he will be punished if he speak of it, and caliban then say he must obey, he has power and it would control my dam's god setebos and make vassal of him.

dr. frankenstein and prospero is very similar they were both thinking of themselves. they didn't see the good in other people they saw the bad. caliban and the man created by frankenstein is very similar because they were both fighting for what's right. they know they're doing good. they know that they were both controlled. dr. frankenstein and prospero is similar and caliban and the man created is similar also

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Anchor Paper 6

Conventions

Score Point 1

The response demonstrates limited command of the conventions at an appropriate level of complexity. Errors in capitalization (*dr. frankenstein*), spelling (*punnish*), grammar (*He knows that all men has hated him, but his creator he purpose to kill him and he didnt like it*) and usage (*he was very compassion*) often impede understanding.

The forgotten man was about the agriculture around the world and how it is effective and how we use it everyday since they first started it it been around for a very long time. The inaugural address was about was talking about the attacks and the safe guards against the enemies. The new Deal was about the building going up and how they built things like a dam and they all used slaves and and they made roads.

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Anchor Paper 7

Conventions

Score Point 0

The response displays minimal awareness of sentence boundaries, but frequent and blatant errors in capitalization (*forgotten man, inaugural address, new Deal*), basic spelling (*aguculture, efftive, frist, bulit*), and grammar (*was about was talking about*) impede understanding, demonstrating no command of the conventions of standard English.

One time me and my friends were lost in the forest. One of my friends thought he knew what he was doing and tried to lead us to safety, we got even more lost and kept walking in circles.

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Anchor Paper 8 **Conventions** **Score Point 0**

The brief response consists of only three sentences; the first sentence contains an incorrect pronoun (*me [I]*) and the first word of the third sentence is not capitalized. The response demonstrates no command of the conventions of standard English at an appropriate level of complexity.