#### Rubric Guidelines

**Score 3:** The response demonstrates an understanding of the complexities of the text.

* Addresses the demands of the question
* Uses expressed and implied information from the text
* Clarifies and extends understanding beyond the literal

**Score 2:** The response demonstrates a partial or literal understanding of the text.

* Addresses the demands of the question, although may not develop all parts equally
* Uses some expressed or implied information from the text to demonstrate understanding
* May not fully connect the support to a conclusion or assertion made about the text(s)

**Score 1:** The response shows evidence of a minimal understanding of the text.

* May show evidence that some meaning has been derived from the text
* May indicate a misreading of the text or the question
* May lack information or explanation to support an understanding of the text in relation to the question

**Score 0:** The response is completely irrelevant or incorrect, or there is no response.

#### Adjudication Rules

* If Reader‐1 Score and Reader‐2 Score are exact or adjacent, adjudication by a third reader is not required.
* If Reader‐1 Score and Reader‐2 Score are not adjacent or exact, then adjudication by a third reader is required.