

New York State Testing Program

Regents Examination in English Language Arts

Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards



What to Expect



What will the Regents Examination in English Language Arts measure?

- The New York State High School English Language Arts Testing Program is designed to measure student progress on the Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards. The Crosswalk Documents have been developed as a reference tool for educators and parents to efficiently compare the changes between the prior learning standards and the Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards.

What are the Performance Level Descriptions (PLDs)?

- The New York State Education Department worked with NYS English Language Arts educators to develop the PLDs for the Regents Examination in English Language Arts. PLDs show the knowledge and skill expectations for each Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standard at each level of performance.

What will the Regents Examination in English Language Arts look like?

Part 1:

- The Part 1 Reading Comprehension section will be similar to the prior Regents Exam in English Language Arts, with three reading passages and 24 multiple-choice questions.

Part 2:

- The Part 2 Argument essay keeps a familiar 4-source format, but the total word count of the sources has been reduced.
 - In some cases, the source may include a stand-alone infographic. This resulted in a shift from using “Text 1, Text 2, etc.” to “Source 1, Source 2, etc.”
 - Students are allowed flexibility in citing sources. For example: (Source 1, lines 4–5), or (Source 2, graphic), or they can use an equivalent format to avoid plagiarism.



Part 3:

- The Part 3 Analysis response allows for development of either a theme or central idea, with students being permitted to use one or more writing strategies to develop the theme or central idea.

Directions and Rubrics:

- The Part 2 and Part 3 directions have been streamlined and provide a scaffolded checklist. ✓
- The Part 2 and Part 3 rubrics have been revised for clarity.



For more detailed information on the Regents Examination in English Language Arts, please see the [Educator Guide](#).



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