

Reading EOG Achievement Level Descriptors—Grade 3

Note: To minimize redundancy, the achievement level descriptors at each level do not repeat competencies that are described for a lower achievement level. The students at the higher level can be assumed to have mastered the competencies described for the lower achievement levels.

Achievement Level I

Students performing at this level do not have sufficient mastery of knowledge and skills in this subject area to be successful at the next grade level.

Students performing at Achievement Level I demonstrate a need to develop the reading comprehension skills required in the North Carolina *Standard Course of Study* at grade 3. Students show little evidence of applying reading skills and strategies required to comprehend a variety of third grade level texts, such as fiction, literary and informational nonfiction, poetry, and drama.

Achievement Level II

Students performing at this level demonstrate inconsistent mastery of knowledge and skills in this subject area and are minimally prepared to be successful at the next grade level.

Students performing at Achievement Level II demonstrate limited reading comprehension skills as required in the North Carolina *Standard Course of Study* at grade 3. Students typically show evidence of literal comprehension of a variety of third grade level texts, such as fiction, literary and informational nonfiction, poetry, and drama. Students may also make basic inferences, draw simple conclusions, and locate information in a variety of texts, including charts, maps, and diagrams.

Achievement Level III

Students performing at this level consistently demonstrate mastery of grade level subject matter and skills and are well prepared for the next grade level.

Students performing at Achievement Level III demonstrate grade level reading comprehension skills as required in the North Carolina *Standard Course of Study* at grade 3. Students comprehend a variety of third grade level texts, such as fiction, literary and informational nonfiction, poetry, and drama. Students interpret and analyze text by utilizing skills and strategies such as making inferences, drawing conclusions, predicting outcomes, comparing and contrasting, and determining main idea. They also use text features and text structures to comprehend. Students analyze characters, identify problems, and determine meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary.

Achievement Level IV

Students performing at this level consistently perform in a superior manner clearly beyond that required to be proficient at grade level work.

Students performing at Achievement Level IV demonstrate an advanced application of the reading comprehension skills required in the North Carolina *Standard Course of Study* at grade 3. Students comprehend with depth of understanding a variety of third grade level texts, such as fiction, literary and informational nonfiction, poetry, and drama. Students extend ideas by connecting and integrating information. They apply a more sophisticated understanding of text features and structures to comprehend. Students interpret figurative language and analyze author's word choice.

Reading EOG Achievement Level Descriptors–Grade 4

Note: To minimize redundancy, the achievement level descriptors at each level do not repeat competencies that are described for a lower achievement level. The students at the higher level can be assumed to have mastered the competencies described for the lower achievement levels.

Achievement Level I

Students performing at this level do not have sufficient mastery of knowledge and skills in this subject area to be successful at the next grade level.

Students performing at Achievement Level I demonstrate a need to develop the reading comprehension skills required in the North Carolina *Standard Course of Study* at grade 4. Students show little evidence of applying reading skills and strategies required to comprehend a variety of fourth grade level texts, such as fiction, literary and informational nonfiction, poetry, and drama.

Achievement Level II

Students performing at this level demonstrate inconsistent mastery of knowledge and skills in this subject area and are minimally prepared to be successful at the next grade level.

Students performing at Achievement Level II demonstrate limited reading comprehension skills as required in the North Carolina *Standard Course of Study* at grade 4. Students typically show evidence of literal comprehension of a variety of fourth grade level texts, such as fiction, literary and informational nonfiction, poetry, and drama. Students apply some knowledge of text structure and make connections to information beyond the text. They may also draw simple conclusions, make predictions, and interpret information in a variety of texts including graphs, charts, and maps.

Achievement Level III

Students performing at this level consistently demonstrate mastery of grade level subject matter and skills and are well prepared for the next grade level.

Students performing at Achievement Level III demonstrate grade level reading comprehension skills as required in the North Carolina *Standard Course of Study* at grade 4. Students comprehend a variety of fourth grade level texts, such as fiction, literary and informational nonfiction, poetry, and drama. Students examine author's word choice and identify author's purpose. They interpret and analyze text by utilizing skills and strategies such as making inferences, drawing conclusions, comparing and contrasting, and determining main idea. They also use text features and text structures to comprehend. Students examine reasons for characters' actions, integrate information and ideas, and determine meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary.

Achievement Level IV

Students performing at this level consistently perform in a superior manner clearly beyond that required to be proficient at grade level work.

Students performing at Achievement Level IV demonstrate an advanced application of the reading comprehension skills required in the North Carolina *Standard Course of Study* at grade 4. Students comprehend with depth of understanding a variety of fourth grade level texts, such as fiction, literary and informational nonfiction, poetry, and drama. Students extend ideas by connecting, synthesizing and integrating information from within the entire text and beyond. They demonstrate a more sophisticated understanding of the text through the inferences and connections they make and the conclusions they draw. Students also interpret figurative language and analyze author's word choice.

Reading EOG Achievement Level Descriptors—Grade 5

Note: To minimize redundancy, the achievement level descriptors at each level do not repeat competencies that are described for a lower achievement level. The students at the higher level can be assumed to have mastered the competencies described for the lower achievement levels.

Achievement Level I

Students performing at this level do not have sufficient mastery of knowledge and skills in this subject area to be successful at the next grade level.

Students performing at Achievement Level I demonstrate a need to develop the reading comprehension skills required in the North Carolina *Standard Course of Study* at grade 5. Students show little evidence of applying reading skills and strategies required to comprehend a variety of fifth grade level texts, such as fiction, literary and informational nonfiction, poetry, and drama.

Achievement Level II

Students performing at this level demonstrate inconsistent mastery of knowledge and skills in this subject area and are minimally prepared to be successful at the next grade level.

Students performing at Achievement Level II demonstrate limited reading comprehension skills as required in the North Carolina *Standard Course of Study* at grade 5. Students typically show evidence of literal comprehension of a variety of fifth grade level texts, such as fiction, literary and informational nonfiction, poetry, and drama. Students apply knowledge of text structure to locate information for specific purposes. They may also draw simple conclusions, make basic inferences, identify sequence of events, analyze characters, and interpret information in a variety of texts.

Achievement Level III

Students performing at this level consistently demonstrate mastery of grade level subject matter and skills and are well prepared for the next grade level.

Students performing at Achievement Level III demonstrate grade level reading comprehension skills as required in the North Carolina *Standard Course of Study* for grade 5. Students comprehend a variety of fifth grade level texts, such as fiction, literary and informational nonfiction, poetry, and drama. Students examine plot and analyze author's word choice and figurative language. They apply skills and strategies such as predicting, making inferences, drawing conclusions, comparing and contrasting, and making connections to interpret and evaluate text. They also use text features and text structures to comprehend. Students examine reasons for characters' actions, integrate information and ideas, and determine meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary.

Achievement Level IV

Students performing at this level consistently perform in a superior manner clearly beyond that required to be proficient at grade level work.

Students performing at Achievement Level IV demonstrate an advanced application of the reading comprehension skills required in the North Carolina *Standard Course of Study* for Grade 5. Students comprehend with depth of understanding a variety of fifth grade level texts, such as fiction, literary and informational nonfiction, poetry, and drama. Students examine and evaluate relationships. They extend ideas by connecting, synthesizing and integrating information from within the entire text and beyond. They demonstrate a more sophisticated understanding of the text through the inferences and connections they make and the conclusions they draw. Students also determine the effectiveness of figurative language and analyze author's craft.