

## BASIC RUBRIC FOR WRITING ASSIGNMENTS:

### CLASS AND TESTS

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Score: 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Writing is strongly connected to the question.</li><li>• Strong, clear main idea identifies the theme.</li><li>• Well-developed writing with well-organized ideas, examples, sequences, and conclusions.</li><li>• Written in a lively voice with varied vocabulary and clear, complete sentences.</li><li>• Few (1-2) or no errors in spelling, grammar, usage, capitalization, or punctuation.</li></ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Score: 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Writing clearly responds to the question.</li><li>• Reader can easily identify the main idea.</li><li>• Writing is mostly well organized; may include some unimportant ideas. Examples, ideas, sequences, and conclusions make sense.</li><li>• Written mostly in clear and complete sentences with a good choice of words.</li><li>• Some errors (3-4) in spelling, grammar, usage, capitalization, or punctuation.</li></ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Score: 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Writing is connected to the question only in a general way.</li><li>• The main idea is not clearly presented.</li><li>• Writing is poorly organized. Ideas are incomplete and examples are not clearly connected, many unimportant details.</li><li>• Sentences use a limited vocabulary; may not be complete or may run together.</li></ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Score: 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Writing does not seem connected to the question at all.</li><li>• There is no main idea.</li><li>• Little or no planning or organization; few if any ideas presented; no connection between ideas and examples.</li><li>• Sentences make little or no sense, with poor choice of words.</li><li>• Errors in spelling, grammar, usage, capitalization, and punctuation make it unreadable or incomprehensible</li></ul>

- Many errors in spelling, grammar, usage, capitalization, and punctuation.

#2 continued

**NB: Common Core practice work will be done using a test preparation book provided by the school in preparation for the NYS ELA state test in April.**