

ELA RICAS Ramp Up/Boost Program Resources

RIDE website with [links](#)

[PMS Boost Program](#) Slide Deck 2020

Ramp Up Program Elementary [Slide Deck 2022](#)

ELA RICAS Question Stems and Essay Prompts 2018-2023

[Grade 8](#)

[Grade 7](#)

[Grade 6](#)

[Grade 5](#)

[Grade 4](#)

[Grade 3](#)

ELA RICAS Accommodations Documents, [Links](#), & **Graphic Organizers** (Not updated since 2018):

G3-4 [Essay](#)

G3-4 Short [Response](#)

G3-4 Narrative [Option 1](#)

G3-4 Narrative [Option 2](#)

G5 [Essay](#)

G5 [Narrative](#)

G6-8 [Essay](#)

G6-8 [Narrative](#)

RICAS [practice tests](#) from Pearson

2023 RICAS computer-based [released items](#) from Pearson

[Grade 8](#)

[Grade 7](#)

[Grade 6](#)

[Grade 5](#)

[Grade 4](#)

[Grade 3](#)

2023 Paper-Based Test [Released Items from MCAS website](#)

2022 Paper-Based Test Released Items from RIDE:

[Grade 8 ELA](#)

[Grade 7 ELA](#)

[Grade 6 ELA](#)

[Grade 5 ELA](#)

[Grade 4 ELA](#)

[Grade 3 ELA](#)

2023 RICAS Student Work Samples with Annotations

[Grade 8](#)

[Grade 7](#)

[Grade 6](#)

[Grade 5](#)

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[Grade 3](#)

[Sort Lit.A.](#)

[Sort Exp.](#)

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[Sort Lit.A.](#)

2022 RICAS Student Work [Samples](#) with Annotations

(directly linked to doe.mass, **sorting activity linked underneath**)

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[Grade 7](#)

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[Grade 4](#)

[Grade 3](#)

[Lit.Analysis](#)

[Argument](#)

[Expository](#)

[Narrative](#)

[Rdg CR](#) [Rdg CR](#)

2021 RICAS Student Work [Samples](#) with Annotations (to be used as a sorting activity in class)

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Argument

Expository

Expository

Lit.Analysis

Narrative

Narrative

Teaching Materials to use with Boost/Ramp Up Groups:

<u>Slide Decks from 2019-2020:</u> Grades 3 & 4 Context Clues Grade 3 test for Grade 4 practice Grade 4 test for Grade 5 practice Grade 5 test for Grade 6 practice Grade 6 test for Grade 7 practice Grade 7 test for Grade 8 practice Grade 8 test for Grades 8/9 practice	<u>Slide Decks from 2021:</u> Grade 3 released items Grade 4 released items Grade 5 released items Grade 6 released items Grade 7 released items Grade 8 released items	<u>Slide Decks from 2022:</u> Grade 3 released items Grade 4 released items Grade 5 released items Grade 6 released items Grade 7 released items Grade 8 released items	<u>Slide Decks from 2023:</u> Grade 3 released items Grade 4 released items Grade 5 released items Grade 6 released items Grade 7 released items Grade 8 released items
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Suggestions for small group instruction by area of need:

- Test Taking Strategies (unpacking a prompt, rereading to find answers, answer elimination, test preview, etc.)
- Reading Comprehension and Analysis (reading standards)
- Language Skills Review (language standards)
- Writing Skills (practicing essay and narrative writing using prompts, looking at samples from last year and sorting by score, etc.)

Released Student Writing Samples by Grade and by Year

Grade	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023
3	W2 Informational Essay	W2 Informational Essay	R1 Reading CR	W3 Narrative continuation	R9 Reading CR	W2 Literary Analysis
4	W2 Literary Analysis Essay	W3 & R1 Narrative Alt.POV & Reading CR	W2 Informational Essay	W3 Narrative Continuation Text	R3 Reading CR	W2 Informational Essay
5	W2 Literary Analysis Essay (Compare tone)	W2 Literary Analysis (Compare characters)	W2 & W3 Literary Analysis & Narrative continuation	W2 Literary Analysis	W3 Narrative continuation	W2 Informational Essay
6	W2 Literary Analysis Essay (Compare themes)	W2 & W3 Literary Analysis (Compare tones) & Narrative Alt.POV	W1? Argument Essay (Is Ernest Shackleton a hero?)	W2 Informational Essay	W2 Informational Essay (2 texts)	W2 Informational Essay
7	W2 Essay (Comparative Essay)	W2 Literary Analysis (Compare Themes)	W2 & W3 Essay & Narrative continuation	W2 Literary Analysis	W1 Argument (2 texts, later start time)	W2 Comparative Essay
8	W2 Literary Analysis Essay (Comparative Essay)	W1 & W3 Argument Essay & Narrative Alt. POV	W2 Literary Analysis Essay	W1 Argument Letter	W2 Literary Analysis Essay (Comparative Essay)	W2 Literary Analysis