

9.1.2 Mid-Unit Assessment

Text-Based Response

Your Task: Rely on your reading and analysis of “Letter One” from *Letters to a Young Poet* to write a well-developed response to the following prompt:

What is the impact of Rilke’s specific word choices on the meaning and tone of his letter?

Your writing will be assessed using the 9.1.2 Mid-Unit Text Analysis Rubric.

Guidelines

Be sure to:

- Closely read the prompt
- Address all elements of the prompt in your response
- Paraphrase, quote, and reference relevant evidence to support your claim
- Organize your ideas in a cohesive and coherent manner
- Maintain a formal style of writing
- Follow the conventions of standard written English

CCSS: RL.9-10.4, W.9-10.2.a,f

Commentary on the Task:

This task measures RL.9-10.4 because it demands that students:

- Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper).

This task measures W.9-10.2.a,f because it demands that students:

- Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
 - Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
 - Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).