

# Fact sheet: Text-Dependent Analysis (TDA)



**Beginning in 2019, an item was added to the PEAKS ELA assessment called the Text-Dependent Analysis item, or TDA.** TDA was added to the PEAKS ELA assessment to address Alaska’s writing standard W-9 that requires students in grades 4-9 to “draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.” With the addition of the TDA, PEAKS now measures a student’s understanding of all *Alaska ELA and Mathematics Standards*.

**W-9 is not the only writing standard assessed on PEAKS.** The writing portion of the ELA assessment assesses other writing standards such as grammar, punctuation, writing for an audience, and organization.

**Students should already be familiar with the concept of TDA.** By teaching Alaska’s ELA standards, educators are already teaching the reading, writing, and language skills necessary for students to complete a TDA. There are a variety of resources available on the PEAKS webpage, including the following:

- The **Writer’s Checklist** is a tool for students to consult as they review their writing. It guides students through the writing process and prompts them to check their work as they write.
- The **TDA Scoring Guidelines** provides educators with a rubric to consistently evaluate student work. Educators should consider creating a simplified, grade-appropriate version of the rubric. This tool familiarizes students with how their TDA response will be scored, as well as allowing them to reflect, analyze, and improve their work.
- **TDA Educator Resources Guide** is a document that includes the resources mentioned above as well as providing instructional strategies, TDA examples, and additional information to support instruction.
- A **Presentation for Educators** is available to assist educators in understanding TDA. Topics include, how to help students read for evidence and how to prompt students to use evidence from the text.

All the resources mention above are available on the [PEAKS webpage](#), Text-Dependent Analysis tab.

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**To successfully complete a text-dependent analysis students must:**

