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The Power of Performance Assessment

ELA—Passage-Based Writing (PBW)

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* Presenting information about the Passage-Based Writing that is on the M-STEP.
  + All grades 3-7 have a PBW
  + Informative Writing
  + Explanatory Writing
* Reviewing the standards that the items (prompts) are aligned to.
  + Grade 3 are aligned to W2 and W8
  + Grades 4-8 are aligned to W2, W4, W8, and W9
* Reviewing the kinds of writing that are on the assessment.
  + Narrative Passage
  + Realistic Fiction
  + Poem
  + Informational
  + Biography
* Explaining the range finding process for agreement on scores.
  + Discussion of how exemplars are found
  + Using the range finding method to score new exemplars
* Presenting an example of Passage-Based Writing that can be used as a performance task to be explored within the MI-CSS System.
  + Examine a grade 3 item called, “The Rhinoceros and the Bird”
  + Review the PBW rubric that is used to score the PBW
  + Read the passage and review some exemplars
  + Discuss the reasons for the score points given
* Discussing how to take the examples and turn them into viable prompts to be used with students.

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