

## AIR Questions Standard Alignment for **Grade 9**

Standards	FALL 2017 RELEASED QUESTIONS	SPRING 2017 RELEASED QUESTIONS	2018 ITEM BREAKDOWN	TOTAL QUESTIONS (2 YEARS)
<b>RL.9-10.1</b> Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.		1	1	<b>2</b>
<b>RL.9-10.2</b> Analyze literary text development. <b>a.</b> Determine a theme of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details. <b>b.</b> Provide an objective summary of the text that includes the theme and relevant story elements.		1	1	<b>2</b>
<b>RL.9-10.3</b> Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.		1	3	<b>4</b>
<b>RL.9-10.4</b> Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning, mood, and tone (e.g., how the language evokes a sense of time and place or an emotion; how it sets a formal or informal tone).		1	2	<b>3</b>
<b>RL.9-10.5</b> Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure a text, order events within it (e.g., parallel plots), and manipulate time (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) create such effects as mystery, tension, or surprise.		1	4	<b>5</b>

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<p><b>RL.9-10.6</b> Analyze how a point of view, perspective, or cultural experience <b>is</b> reflected in a work of literature from outside the United States, drawing on a wide reading of world literature.</p>			1	1
<p><b>RL.9-10.7</b> Analyze the representation of a subject or a key scene in two different artistic mediums, including what is emphasized or absent in each treatment (e.g., Auden’s “Musée des Beaux Arts” and Breughel’s <i>Landscape with the Fall of Icarus</i>).</p>		1		1
<p><b>RL.9-10.8</b> (Not applicable to literature)</p>				
<p><b>RL.9-10.9</b> Analyze how an author alludes to and transforms source material in a specific work (e.g., how Shakespeare treats a theme or topic from Ovid or the Bible or how a later author draws on a play by Shakespeare).</p>			1	1
<p><b>RL.9-10.10</b> By the end of grade 9, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 9–10 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range, building background knowledge and activating prior knowledge in order to make personal, historical, and cultural connections that deepen understanding of complex text.</p>				

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<p><b>RL.9-10.10</b> By the end of grade 10, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of the grades 9–10 text complexity band independently and proficiently, building background knowledge and activating prior knowledge in order to make personal, historical, and cultural connections that deepen understanding of complex text.</p>				
<p><b>RI.9-10.1</b> Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</p>			3	<b>3</b>
<p><b>RI.9-10.2</b> Analyze informational text development.</p> <p><b>a.</b> Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details.</p> <p><b>b.</b> Provide an objective summary of the text that includes the development of the central idea and how details impact this idea.</p>			3	<b>3</b>
<p><b>RI.9-10.3</b> Analyze how the author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the connections that are drawn between them.</p>			2	<b>2</b>

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<p><b>RI.9-10.4</b> 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).</p>			2	2
<p><b>RI.9-10.5</b> Analyze in detail how an author’s ideas or claims are developed and refined by particular sentences, paragraphs, or larger portions of a text (e.g., a section or chapter).</p>			4	4
<p><b>RI.9-10.6</b> Determine an author’s perspective or purpose in a text and analyze how an author uses rhetoric to advance that point of view or purpose.</p>			3	3
<p><b>RI.9-10.7</b> Analyze various accounts of a subject told in different mediums (e.g., a person’s life story in both print and multimedia), determining which details are emphasized in each account.</p>				
<p><b>RI.9-10.8</b> Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is valid and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; identify false statements and fallacious reasoning.</p>			1	1
<p><b>RI.9-10.9</b> Analyze seminal U.S. documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., Washington’s Farewell Address, the Gettysburg Address, Roosevelt’s Four Freedoms speech, King’s “Letter from Birmingham Jail”), including how they address related themes and concepts.</p>				

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<p><b>RI.9-10.10</b> By the end of grade 9, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 9–10 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.</p>				
<p><b>L.9-10.4</b> Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on <i>grades 9–10 reading and content</i>, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.</p> <p>a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.</p> <p>b. Identify and correctly use patterns of word changes that indicate different meanings or parts of speech (e.g., <i>analyze, analysis, analytical; advocate, advocacy</i>).</p> <p>c. Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning, part of speech, or etymology.</p> <p>d. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).</p>			1	1
<p><b>L.9-10.5</b> Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.</p> <p>a. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., euphemism, oxymoron) in context and analyze their role in the text.</p> <p>b. Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations.</p>			2	2
<p><b>W.9-10.1</b> Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.</p> <p>a. Establish a clear and thorough thesis to present an argument.</p> <p>b. Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.</p> <p>c. Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.</p> <p>d. Use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.</p> <p>e. Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.</p> <p>f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.</p>			1	1

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<p><b>W.9-10.2</b> 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.</p> <p><b>a.</b> Establish a clear and thorough thesis to present information.</p> <p><b>b.</b> 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 to aid comprehension, if needed.</p> <p><b>c.</b> Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.</p> <p><b>d.</b> Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.</p> <p><b>e.</b> Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.</p> <p><b>f.</b> Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.</p> <p><b>g.</b> 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).</p>	1	1	1	1
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**NOTE: EACH AIR TEST HAS ONE ARGUMENT AND ONE INFORMATIVE ESSAY, EVEN IF THEY DO NOT SHOW BOTH ON A RELEASED TEST.**