### GRADE 3
PARCC SCORING RUBRIC FOR PROSE CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE ITEMS
(July 2015)

**Research Simulation Task (RST) and Literary Analysis Task (LAT)**

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### Narrative Task (NT)

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- The elements of organization to be assessed are expressed in the grade-level standards W1-W3.

A response is considered unscorable if it cannot be assigned a score based on the rubric criteria. For unscorable student responses, one of the following condition codes will be applied.

**Coded Responses:**
- A=No response
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