Key Stage 3 Subject Assessment Criteria: English Reading

Level	Assessment Descriptor
9	 Detailed, evaluative, and insightful response to assessment question. Detailed and critical comparative response to poetry/non-fiction where appropriate. Precise, assured, and embedded use of textual evidence to demonstrate understanding and interpretation. Analysis and critical examination of literary/structural/poetic conventions and a perceptive understanding of how they have been used and the impact they have on the reader.
8	 Respond critically through knowing how language, vocabulary choice and grammar present meaning. Meticulous use of accurate subject terminology, including tiered vocabulary taught explicitly in the unit. Thoughtful appreciation of context, challenging ideas and perspectives and how the writer has communicated meaning and purpose.
7	 Thoughtful, developed, and investigative response to assessment question. Thoughtful and exploratory comparisons to poetry/non-fiction where appropriate. Judicious, thoughtful, and embedded textual references used to demonstrate understanding and interpretation. Confident examination of literary/structural/poetic conventions and a detailed understanding of how they have
6	 been used and the impact they have on the reader. Confident use of subject terminology, including tiered vocabulary taught explicitly in the unit. Thoughtful consideration of context, ideas and perspective and how the writer has communicated meaning and purpose.
5	 Clear, confident, and knowledgeable response to assessment question. Clear comparison between texts where appropriate. Clear and effective use of textual evidence to support understanding and explanation. Clear evidence of ability to retrieve explicit and implicit information, with clear exploration of literary/structural/poetic conventions. Clear consideration of the impact on the reader. Clear explanation of how language, vocabulary choice and grammar present meaning, with the what/how/why
4	 Clear explanation of now language, vocabulary choice and grammar present meaning, with the what/now/why structure used to scaffold writing. Clear understanding of writer's methods with appropriate use of subject terminology, including tiered vocabulary taught explicitly in the unit. Clear understanding of context, ideas and perspectives and how the writer has used this to communicate meaning.
3	 Some explained response to assessment question. Some comparison between texts where appropriate. Some textual evidence used to demonstrate understanding of explicit information. Some identification/explanation of literary/structural/poetic conventions with some reference to how they are used.
2	 Beginning to make comments on how language, vocabulary choice and grammar present meaning, with some use of the what/how/why structure. Beginning to make some reference to/use subject terminology, including tiered vocabulary taught explicitly in the unit. Beginning to make some references to implicit ideas/context.
1	 Simplistic, partial/incomplete response to assessment question. Simple/little comparison when appropriate. Paraphrasing explicit aspects of the text. Student's response may be narrative or descriptive, with little or no textual evidence. Vague/limited response with little reference to detail/context/ideas. Limited or no use of subject terminology.