# TASK 3: ASSESSMENT COMMENTARY

Respond to the prompts below (**no more than 10 single-spaced pages, including prompts**) by typing your responses within the brackets following each prompt. Do not delete or alter the prompts. Commentary pages exceeding the maximum will not be scored. Attach the assessment you used to evaluate student performance (**no more than 5 additional pages**) to the end of this file. If you submit a student work sample or feedback as a video or audio clip and you or your focus students cannot be clearly heard, attach a transcription of the inaudible comments (**no more than 2 additional pages**) to the end of this file. These pages do not count toward your page total.

## 1. Analyzing Student Learning

a. Identify the specific learning objectives measured by the assessment you chose for analysis.

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b. Provide a graphic (table or chart) or narrative that summarizes student learning for your whole class. Be sure to summarize student learning for all evaluation criteria submitted in Assessment Task 3, Part D.

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c. Use evidence found in the **3 student work samples** **and the whole class summary** to analyze the patterns of learning **for the whole class** and differences for groups or individual learners relative to

* conceptual understanding,
* use of scientific practices during inquiry, **AND**
* development of an evidence-based explanation or reasonable prediction about a real-world phenomenon.

Consider what young adolescents understand and do well, and where they continue to struggle (e.g., common errors, confusions, need for greater challenge).

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d. If a video or audio work sample occurs in a group context (e.g., discussion), provide the name of the clip and clearly describe how the scorer can identify the focus student(s) (e.g., position, physical description) whose work is portrayed.

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## 2. Feedback to Guide Further Learning

Refer to specific evidence of submitted feedback to support your explanations.

a. Identify the format in which you submitted your evidence of feedback for the 3 focus students. **(Delete choices that do not apply.)**

* Written directly on work samples or in separate documents that were provided to the focus students
* In audio files
* In video clips from Instruction Task 2 (provide a time-stamp reference) or in separate video clips

If a video or audio clip of feedback occurs in a group context (e.g., discussion), clearly describe how the scorer can identify the focus student (e.g., position, physical description) who is being given feedback.

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b. Explain how feedback provided to the 3 focus students addresses their individual strengths and needs relative to the learning objectives measured.

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c. Describe how you will support each focus student to understand and use this feedback to further their learning related to learning objectives, either within the learning segment or at a later time.

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## 3. Evidence of Language Understanding and Use

When responding to the prompt below, use concrete examples from the video clip(s) and/or student work samples as evidence. Evidence from the clip(s) may focus on one or more students.

You may provide evidence of students’ language use **from ONE, TWO, OR ALL THREE of the following sources:**

1. Use video clips from Instruction Task 2 and provide time-stamp references for evidence of language use.
2. Submit an additional video file named “Language Use” of no more than 5 minutes in length and cite language use (this can be footage of one or more students’ language use). Submit the clip in Assessment Task 3, Part B.
3. Use the student work samples analyzed in Assessment Task 3 and cite language use.

a. Explain and provide concrete examples for the extent to which your students were able to use or struggled to use the

* selected language function,
* vocabulary/symbols, **AND**
* grammatical structures (syntax) or written, visual, or verbal communication

to develop content understandings.

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## 4. Using Assessment to Inform Instruction

a. Based on your analysis of young adolescent learning presented in prompts 1b–c, describe next steps for instruction to impact student learning:

* For the whole class
* For the 3 focus students and other individuals/groups with specific needs

Consider the variety of young adolescent learners in your class who may require different strategies/support (e.g., students with IEPs or 504 plans, English learners, struggling readers, underperforming students or those with gaps in academic knowledge, and/or gifted students needing greater support or challenge).

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b. Explain how these next steps follow from your analysis of young adolescent learning. Support your explanation with principles from research and/or theory as well as young adolescent development.

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