

Constructed Response Example Essays

Grades 9-10

Essay scores are produced for the following grade ranges: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12. Thus a fifth grade essay is compared to models for both fifth and sixth grades. Constructed Responses are considered to be those of up to 250 words and are scored on a holistic rubric with 3 possible points.

***Prompt for Essays 1-3:** Read the article and then briefly describe the difference of opinion between the Cambridge and Stanford researchers. Use specific information from the text in your description.*

Constructed Response Draft 1: Could Spiderman Exist in Reality?

There are two different opinions on whether Spiderman could be real, or whether humans could climb buildings. Cambridge scientists say no because 40% of their body surface would need to be covered by sticky substance. Stanford researchers say yes. They found Gecko Gloves that allow a person up to 200 pounds to climb a wall.

Holistic (Total) Score: 1

Constructed Response Draft 2: Could Spiderman Exist in Reality?

Excluding the existence of radioactive spiders, there are two different opinions on whether Spiderman could be real, or whether humans could climb buildings. Cambridge scientists say humans cannot climb walls because 40% of their body surface would need to be covered by sticky substance in order to support their weight. If the sticky substance were on their front, it would need to be 80%. Stanford researchers say yes, humans can climb walls. Their evidence used Gecko Gloves that allow a person up to 200 pounds to climb a wall.

Holistic (Total) Score: 2

Constructed Response Draft 3: Could Spiderman Exist in Reality?

Excluding the existence of radioactive spiders, there are two different opinions on whether Spiderman could be real, both focusing on whether or not humans can climb buildings like the fictional Spiderman does. Cambridge scientists say humans cannot climb walls because 40% of their body surface would need to be covered by a sticky substance in order to support their weight. They used information from insects and animals like spiders, geckos, and bats in their study. On the other hand, Stanford researchers say yes, humans can climb walls, if they are wearing the correct accessory, that is. Their evidence used Gecko Gloves that allow a person up to 200 pounds to climb a wall. The conclusion was supported by properties of physics such as

load and weight distribution. But the scientists. The Cambridge researchers did not take those forces under consideration. The advanced technology in the gloves along with teh physics properties are hard to refute. But without the presence of radioactive spiders, the world will never know who's really right.

Holistic (Total) Score: 3