

# 2018 NYS ELA Test-Taking Guide

## Grade 6

**Dates:** April 11-12

**Time:** 8:45 a.m. (unlimited time)

**Location:** Homerooms -- unless otherwise notified

**Additional Information:** <https://mrsblowenglish.weebly.com/nyselatest.html>

<b>Day 1</b> (Wednesday, April 11)	<b>Day 2</b> (Thursday, April 12)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 passages (varying genres)</li> <li>• 35 multiple choice questions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 passages (varying genres)</li> <li>• 6 Short Answer Responses (paragraphs)</li> <li>• 1 essay</li> </ul>

### What to Bring:

- #2 pencils (2-3)
- eraser
- yellow highlighters
- water bottle (see through)
- chewing gum or hard candy
- outside reading book

### Staying Focused:

- Go to bed early. It helps your brain to stay alert.
- Eat a high-protein breakfast.
- Drink water. Staying hydrated helps your brain to function better.
- Use anti-stress breathing techniques to shake off nerves.
- Draw figure 8's with your finger to wake up your brain.

### Successful Multiple-Choice Strategies

<u>Before Reading</u>	<u>During Reading</u>	<u>After Reading</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preview the text to activate prior knowledge.</li> <li>• Read questions stems and annotate key words to establish a purpose for reading.</li> <li>• Mark areas of the text identified in the questions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read information above the titles, footnotes, sidebars, captions, etc.</li> <li>• Think about what you are reading, making. Stop for brain checks and annotate.</li> <li>• Mark sections where you think answer are located.</li> <li>• Use context clues to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.</li> <li>• Re-read sections if you are confused.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reread the questions.</li> <li>• Eliminate incorrect answers to narrow your choices.</li> <li>• Re-read sections of the text related to the questions.</li> <li>• When stuck, think about how the question and answer choice relate to the whole passage.</li> <li>• Double-check your answers and responses.</li> <li>• Unless you are 100% positive, don't change your answer.</li> </ul>

**All we ask is that you do your best, and you will make us proud!**