

Grade 7 Benchmark Writing Prompt

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Use the attached map in responding to the following prompt.

The Nile River has been described as *"the giver and taker of life"*. Explain the meaning of this statement. Be sure to provide details and at least three detailed examples of how the Nile is the *"giver"* and at least three detailed examples of how the Nile is the *"taker"* in your response.

Rubric for Scoring this Question

SCORE	DESCRIPTION
4	The response is clear, complete, and accurate with three detailed explanations as to how the Nile River was the <i>"giver"</i> and three detailed explanations as to how the Nile River was the <i>"taker"</i> .
3	The response is mostly clear, complete, and accurate with three important but often general explanations as to how the Nile River was the <i>"giver"</i> and three important but often general explanations as to how the Nile River was the <i>"taker"</i> .
2	The response is partial explanation with basic information as to how the Nile River was the <i>"giver"</i> and <i>"taker"</i> or there were less than three explanations for each, given to justify your answer.
1	The response has minimal explanations with limited information as to how the Nile River was the <i>"giver"</i> and <i>"taker"</i> of life or there were less than two explanations for each, given to justify your answer.
0	The response is totally incorrect or irrelevant, or contains insufficient evidence to demonstrate comprehension.

