KS3 Reading Skills

Band 9	 Consistently accurate and perceptive understanding of explicit and implicit information
	 Shows detailed and perceptive analysis of language and structural features
	 Critically evaluates the text in a convincing and discerning way
	Makes perceptive and insightful inferences about texts and selects a judicious range of
	quotations
	 Compares ideas and perspectives in a perceptive way
Band 8	Consistently accurate and confident understanding of explicit and implicit information
	Detailed and confident analysis of language and structural features
	Critically evaluates the text in a detailed and confident way
	Makes detailed and convincing inferences and selects a judicious range of quotations
	Confident and detailed comparison of ideas and perspectives
Band 7	 Consistently accurate understanding of explicit and implicit information
	 Detailed understanding of language and structural features
	Critically evaluates the text in detail
	 Makes detailed inferences and selects a range of relevant quotations
	Detailed comparison of ideas and perspectives
Band 6	 Mostly accurate understanding of explicit and implicit information
	 Shows clear and consistent understanding of language and structural features
	Critical evaluation is clear and consistent
	 Consistently makes clear and explained inferences and selects a range of relevant quotations
	 Compares ideas and perspectives in a consistently clear way
Band 5	 Generally accurate understanding of explicit and implicit information
	 Shows clear understanding of language and structural features
	Clearly evaluates the text
	 Makes clear and relevant inferences and selects apt and relevant quotations
	 Compares ideas and perspectives in a clear and relevant way
Band 4	 Some accurate understanding of explicit and implicit information
	 Makes some explained comments showing understanding of language and structural features
	Makes some explained evaluative comments
	 Makes some explained inferences and selects relevant quotations
	 Some understanding of similarities/differences between ideas and perspectives
Band 3	 Some attempts to show understanding of explicit and implicit information
	 Some attempts to show understanding of language and structural features
	Some attempts to evaluate the text
	• Attempts to infer from texts and selects quotations/references which sometimes support views
	 Attempts to compare ideas and perspectives
Band 2	 Simple understanding of explicit and implicit information
	 Simple awareness of language and structural features
	Simple personal comment on the text
	Offers paraphrase rather than inference and selects some quotations/references that
	occasionally support views
	 Simple cross reference of ideas and/or perspectives
Band 1	Occasional understanding of explicit and implicit information
	 Occasional awareness of language and structural features
	Occasional personal comment on the text
	Offers paraphrase rather than inference with limited textual details
	Occasional cross-reference of ideas/perspectives