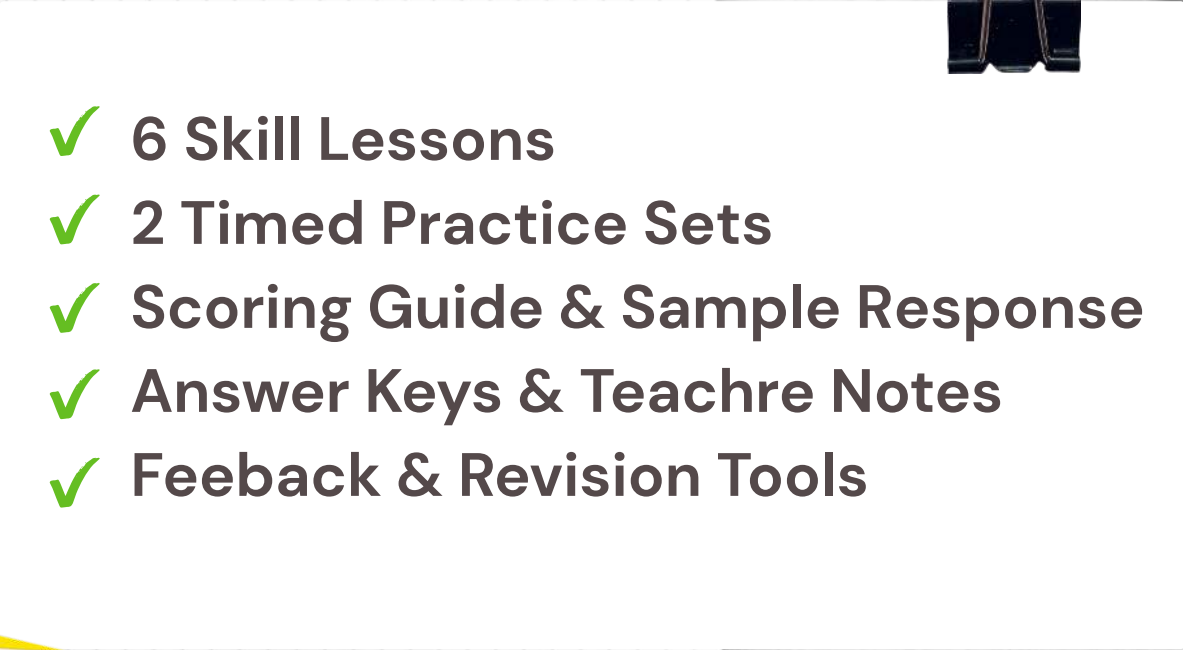


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SECTION 1 • TEACHER & STUDENT SETUP

Teacher Guide

The GED Reasoning Through Language Arts (RLA) test includes an **Extended Response**: students read two passages that take opposing positions, decide which position is better supported, and write an essay explaining why. This kit breaks that task into six short skill lessons, then gives students two full timed practice sets with planning organizers, a scoring guide, and a model response.

Quick-Start Buyer Note (How to Use This Kit)

Tip for Instructors: Print Sections 1 through 3 for your core instructional days (skills and foundational writing), and save Section 4 for timed mock tests. Use the diagnostic feedback tools in Section 7 immediately following practice sets to target individual remediation.

What Is in This Kit

- **Lessons 1–3 (Analyze):** find claims, judge evidence, and spot weak reasoning.
- **Lessons 4–6 (Write):** plan a thesis, build evidence-and-explanation paragraphs, and revise.
- **Practice Sets 1 and 2:** two original passage pairs with organizers and lined response pages.
- **Scoring Guide and Self-Check:** a student-friendly rubric summary and a revision checklist.
- **Annotated Sample Response:** a strong model with a margin explaining why each part works.
- **Answer Key & Teacher Notes** — Lesson answers, evidence banks, conferencing questions, and optional advanced analysis activities.
- **Feedback & Improvement Tools** — Teacher scoring sheet, feedback codes, developing-level model, guided revision activities, and progress tracker.

Suggested Pacing

This workshop can be used for classroom instruction, one-on-one tutoring, small-group intervention, or independent study. Adjust the schedule to students' reading, writing, and analytical skill levels.

Format	Suggested Pacing	Notes
8-Session Writing Workshop (Recommended)	Six skill-building sessions, followed by two timed writing sessions	Allows time for guided practice, independent writing, scoring, and feedback. See the session-by-session plan on the next page.
Weekly Tutoring	1–2 lessons per week; complete both timed practice sets after the skill lessons	Use teacher feedback to identify areas for additional practice
90-Minute Review Workshop	Select key activities from Lessons 1–6	Best for students who already understand the Extended Response task; assign a full timed practice set separately
Independent Study	Complete one lesson at a time, then attempt both timed practice sets	Use the self-check, model responses, and progress tracker to monitor improvement

Teaching Tip: Do not rush Lessons 5 and 6. Students need sufficient time to move from identifying evidence to explaining its significance, writing analytical paragraphs, and revising unsupported claims.

Assessment Recommendation: Use Practice Set 1 as an initial writing assessment after instruction. Review the three scoring traits and provide targeted feedback before students attempt Practice Set 2. Use the Progress Tracker to document strengths and next steps.