Getting Started
Select content area (Writing) and benchmark (CIM), and then choose Score!

1. The top frame displays the content area, benchmark (grade level), writing mode, and the title of the student paper. Below that is a numbered list of the samples you can practice scoring and the six writing traits.
2. There are ten student papers at the CIM benchmark that you can use to practice scoring.
3. After reviewing the scoring guide, decide what score to assign for a trait. Click in the box to the left of the trait and enter the number (1-6). After you've entered your scores, click Submit.

Scoring Results Page
1. The Scoring Results page will display Your Score (the score you entered) next to the Anchor Score (score assigned by experienced scorers at scoring centers). To navigate through the rationale for the anchor score, click the trait names or use the vertical scroll bar on the right.
2. If you want to see other papers that match your score or the anchor score for a trait, click the appropriate score next to the word "Compare." This will bring up a different paper that received the same score for that trait and show the rationale for it. There can be from 0-4 comparisons for each score for each trait.
3. Continue to navigate through the comparison scores.
4. The Close button indicates you have reached the last comparison paper for a trait. Click the button to return to the Scoring Results page.
5. Choose Next Paper to score the next student paper in the benchmark you are working.
6. To leave Practice Scoring, choose Exit. Please note that your scores are not saved between sessions.