Benchmark: C1a

Brief Constructed Response Prompt:
Describe the structure of the government of the United States and explain why the Framers of our Constitution might have chosen this structure?

Possible Response: Answers will vary; one possible response…

The government of the United States is federal and presidential. The Framers chose this structure because it breaks-up and distributes power in a manner that helps to prevent tyranny.

Rubric:
2 = This response gives a valid answer with an accurate and relevant explanation.
1 = This response gives a valid answer with an inaccurate, irrelevant, or no explanation.
0 = inaccurate or no response