

Writing Assessment

Writing Prompt

Write about an important lesson that children should learn.

Instructions

Check to be sure that you have written your name on page 1 of your Composition Packet. In this session of the test, you will write a response to the prompt given above.

Your response will be scored by two readers (teachers or other qualified adults). Each reader will assign two scores to your response. One score will be for stylistic and rhetorical aspects of writing (idea/topic development), and one score will be for use of Standard English conventions. Scoring will be based on both the quality of your writing and how well you respond to the prompt. Your final score will be the sum of the scores given by both readers. The response you write will be returned to your school after it has been scored.

Use the scoring information below to help you write.

Scoring Information

Score 1 — Stylistic and Rhetorical Aspects of Writing (Idea/Topic Development)

Make sure your response has

- a clear focus,
- logically related ideas to develop the topic,
- appropriate organization,
- enough supporting detail, and
- effective use of language.

Score 2 — Standard English Conventions

As you produce your final draft, check for correct

- sentence structure;
- grammar and usage; and
- capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

Before you begin to write, please read the prompt again.



