

Twelfth Grade

“Mock” Practice Writing Assignment

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____ ES's Name: _____

Persuasive

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Pre-“Mock” Practice Assignment Writing:

- The school website has the persuasive writing directions, persuasive writing rubrics, persuasive writing instruction, persuasive writing practice prompts, and web link resources for you to use to prepare for this optional “mock” practice writing assignment. Go to, <http://www.sscs.cc/curriculum.html>, 2010 Writing Assignment, or talk to your ES.

Directions:

- In this writing assignment, you will hand write (no typing allowed) a five or more paragraph persuasive essay in response to the writing task below.
- After reading the task, take time to plan on a separate piece of paper using memorized graphic organizers, write your essay (double spaced), then proofread and edit.
- To begin gaining pacing experience, students are to attempt to do all or as much of this writing assignment as possible in one continuous sitting.

Scoring:

Your writing will be scored on how well you

- state your position on the topic,
- describe the points in support of your position including examples and other evidence,
- address possible arguments against your position,
- use persuasive strategies and vocabulary,
- use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.

Writing Task:

Read the following writing task. You must write a persuasive essay about this topic.

Writing a Persuasive Essay

Think about the statement, “Failure is often a better teacher than success.” As someone who has experienced both, write an essay either agreeing or disagreeing with this statement. Use examples from your life or the lives of people you have read about or know. Address the reasons that others might have for not agreeing with you.

When you write your essay, remember,

- to state your position on the topic,
- to describe the points in support of your position,
- to address possible arguments against your position,
- to use persuasive strategies and vocabulary,
- to use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.