

Tenth Grade

“Mock” Practice Writing Assignment

Date: _____

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

Expository

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Pre-“Mock” Practice Assignment Writing:

- The school website has the expository writing assignment directions, rubrics, instruction, 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/Handbook/writing_2011/wr_exp_index_11.dwt, or talk to your ES.

Directions:

- In this writing assignment, you will hand write (no typing allowed) a five or more paragraph expository 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

- make a statement about the topic,
- include at least three main idea sentences about your topic,
- include at least two detail sentences in support of each main idea sentence,
- organize your essay using an introduction paragraph, body paragraphs, and a conclusion paragraph,
- vary your sentences,
- use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.

Writing Task:

Read the following writing task. You must write an expository essay about this topic.

Writing an Expository Essay

NASA (the National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has been exploring the moon and the planets such as Mars for decades now. Write an essay explaining about the benefits we receive by doing space exploration.

When you write your essay, remember to,

- make a statement about the topic,
- include at least three main idea sentences about your topic,
- include at least two detail sentences in support of each main idea sentence,
- organize your essay using an introduction paragraph, body paragraphs, and a conclusion paragraph,
- vary your sentences,
- use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.