

# Eighth Grade

## “Mock” Practice Writing Assignment

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ES’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Expository “Mock” Practice Writing Assignment

#### Pre-“Mock” Practice Assignment Writing:

- The school website has the expository writing 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.scs.cc/Handbook/writing\\_2011/wr\\_exp\\_index\\_11.dwt](http://www.scs.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

The U.S. Postal Service has honored many individuals from presidents to singers to cartoon characters by placing their portraits on postage stamps. Whom would you nominate to honor with a postage stamp? Write an essay that explains about the person you would choose to honor.

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.