

Grade 10
DISTRICT WRITING INSTRUCTION
Expository Writing Prompt-Form B

Directions:

- You will have time to plan and write your first draft with edits.
- You may reread or go back to the article at any time during the test.
- Only what you write on the lined pages will be scored.
- Use only a No. 2 pencil to write your response.

Read the following writing task.

Writing the Expository Essay

Teamwork is a highly valued yet difficult skill to achieve. The ability to successfully work with others is the foundation of many careers, including those in business, professional sports, and trades, such as construction.

Write an essay discussing the relative strengths and challenges of team collaboration, or teamwork, in the workplace. Provide examples to illustrate and explain your ideas. Develop descriptions so vividly a reader will have a clear understanding of the benefits and shortcomings of cooperative environments at work.

Scoring:

In this writing assessment, you will write an expository essay. Your writing will be scored on how well you

- Organize your writing with a strong introduction, body, and conclusion.
- Provide a thesis responsive to the task and support it fully with specific details and examples.
- Create body paragraphs that explain the various points that support your thesis.
- Use words that are appropriate for your audience and purpose.
- Vary your sentences to make your writing interesting to read.
- Check for mistakes in grammar, spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and sentence