

SBAC

Writing Prompts

1. **NARRATIVE** - TELL A STORY

Purpose/Organization (4 points)

- Clear from start to finish
- Effective plot (think plot stages)
- Establishes setting, characters, & point of view
- Uses effective transitions
- Logical sequence of events
- Effective opening and closure (introduction & conclusion)

Development & Elaboration (4 points)

- Relevant detail, dialogue, & description
- Developed characters, setting, and events
- Creative storytelling techniques
- Effective use of sensory and figurative language

Conventions (2 points)

- Errors do not detract from the story.

2. INFORMATIVE - INFORM THE READER

Purpose/Organization (4 points)

- Effective organizational structure (beginning, middle, end)
- Thesis at the end of introduction
- Uses effective transitions
- Logical progression of ideas

Evidence & Elaboration (4 points)

- Use of relevant evidence from sources
- Elaborate on evidence to explain how it connects to the thesis.
- Clear vocabulary and style

Conventions (2 points)

- Errors do not detract from the essay.

3. ARGUMENTATIVE - TAKE A POSITION & SUPPORT IT

Purpose/Organization (4 points)

- Consistent & Focused
- Claim/Thesis at the end of the introduction
- Effective Organization (beginning, middle, end)
- Effective transitions
- Logical progression of ideas
- **Counterclaim**

Evidence & Elaboration (4 points)

- Use of relevant evidence from sources
- Elaborate on evidence to explain how it connects to the claim/thesis.
- Clear vocabulary and style

Conventions (2 points)

- Errors do not detract from the essay.