

2015 SAGE Summative Writing At-A-Glance

Field Test: February 2-20, 2015

Changes for 2015 SAGE Summative Writing

- 50% shorter stimulus (text sets) for Opinion/Argumentative (Informative-Explanatory same as 2014)
- Expected essay length is shorter for Informative-Explanatory in 2015 (see chart below)
- Time guidelines changed and clarified for 3rd-5th Opinion and 6th-11th Argumentative essays

Notes

- All 3rd-11th grade students will be given two (2) SAGE Summative Writing prompts.
- 2015 is a Field Test again for SAGE Writing because of changes in text sets and expected essay length.
- SAGE Summative Writing Scores will be available when 2015 SAGE Summative ELA test is completed.
- Rubrics in SAGE Portal Resources contain information about how essays are graded and weighted.
- *Any grade* may practice using any SAGE Summative Writing Training Test. All include an example stimulus, prompt, and scoring guide: 3-5 Opinion/6-8 Argumentative/9-11 Informative-Explanatory

3rd-5th SAGE Summative Writing Prompts	6th-11th SAGE Summative Writing Prompts
<p>3rd-5th OPINION</p> <p>LENGTH <i>3rd-4th grade:</i> 1-3 paragraph essay <i>5th grade:</i> 3 paragraphs or more are needed to write a good opinion</p> <p>TIME: 60-90 minutes (officially untimed)</p> <p>STIMULUS/TEXT SETS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% shorter than 2014 • at least two passages, most prompts will have multiple passages • min/max word count for passages is based upon grade level and words per minute(wpm) reading targets <p><i>When 3rd-5th students submit the Opinion essay the Informative-Explanatory prompt becomes available and students are unable to go back to the first prompt.</i></p>	<p>6th–11th ARGUMENTATIVE</p> <p>LENGTH: 4-6 paragraph essay - Darron Kennett, USOE, suggests it would be hard to write a good argument in 3 paragraphs or less</p> <p>TIME: 60-90 minutes (officially untimed)</p> <p>STIMULUS/TEXT SETS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% shorter than 2014 • at least two passages, most prompts will have multiple passages • min/max word count for passages is based upon grade level and words per minute (wpm) reading targets <p><i>When 6th-11th students submit the Argumentative essay the Informative/Explanatory prompt becomes available and students are unable to go back to the first prompt.</i></p>
<p>3rd-5th INFORMATIVE-EXPLANATORY</p> <p>LENGTH: 1-3 paragraph explanation</p> <p>TIME: 60-90 minutes (officially untimed)</p> <p>STIMULUS/TEXT SETS: same as 2014</p>	<p>6th–11th INFORMATIVE-EXPLANATORY</p> <p>LENGTH: 2-3 paragraph explanation</p> <p>TIME: 60-90 minutes (officially untimed)</p> <p>STIMULUS/TEXT SETS: same as 2014</p>