



Stanislaus County Academic Pentathlon

Essay Test Student Instructions

Before You Write:

- Select one essay prompt from the list provided.
- Use the outline page to draft essay.
- Use only the lined side of paper to write essay and SKIP lines (double space)
- Write the number of chosen essay prompt and ID number on the cover and at the top of each page of your essay.
- Write in pencil or erasable pen and use legible print.

Mechanics of Your Essay:

- Maintain a formal writing style and follow accepted rules of standard English, sentence structure, grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.
- Introduce a topic or thesis statement, previewing what will follow.
- Develop the topic with logical reasoning and relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and examples that demonstrate an understanding of the topic or text.
- Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion, clarify, and organize ideas and concepts.
- Provide a concluding statement or section that summarizes the information.
- Address all portions of the prompt.
- Allow time to proofread and correct the essay.

**DO NOT begin writing until the Test Proctor gives the signal to begin.
Stop writing when the Proctor indicates that time is up.**