

Florida Writes Prompts for High School

Background Information: High school students need to prepare for the Florida Writes Exam in 10th grade, the SAT Essay writing portion as well as college preparation. In high school writing skills primarily focuses on expository and persuasive styles. The following writing prompts can be used to enhance the curriculum as well as assist teachers in assessing writing skills across the curriculum in order to get students college ready.

Common Core Standards:

<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/ccc.asp>

<http://www.corestandards.org/>

The following writing prompts can be used with any or all sections of the curriculum.

EXPOSITORY:

1)

- High Schools students engage in career awareness activities.
- Think about attending an architectural school in college.
- Write to explain why this would be an important decision and career choice.

2)

- You have learned about different architectural styles and their mathematical influence.
- Think about how you use math in different aspects of your life.
- Write to explain how math is used in architectural designs in at least 2-3 local communities featured in the following website: www.learningfrommiami.org. Support the information presented in your essay with facts and details from the website. Your paper should be written in MLA or APA style with a bibliography page.

3)

- There are many architectural styles in our local community.
- Think about the architectural styles you studied through the website:

www.learningfrommiami.org

Art Deco: <http://learningfrommiami.org/?p=425>

Opalocka Moorish Revival: http://learningfrommiami.org/?page_id=2

Coral Gables (Mediterranean Style): <http://learningfrommiami.org/?p=64>

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<http://learningfrommiami.org/?p=351>

-Write to explain which architectural style you believe is the most representative of Miami.

4)

- Palimpsest is a term that emphasizes that history cannot be erased. The past is still present and we can look for traces of our past in historical structures.

- Think about your definition of Palimpsest and the information presented in Learning from Miami website: www.learningfrommiami.org

- Write to explain your definition of this term and provide examples of this concept.

Persuasive:

1)

- After viewing the video segment, “What is Architecture? The Essential Question”, on the following webpage:

-Think about the video’s message.

- Write to persuade an audience to accept your viewpoint on what architecture means from your own perspective. Reference the video.

2)

An architect is an important professional that has changed society through architectural innovations.

- Think about the job descriptions of an architect.

- Write to convince a graduating class of high school students to consider applying to MDC School of Architecture. Refer to the following webpage for facts and details about the school to incorporate in your essay:

<http://www.mdc.edu/main/architecture/>

3)

- Preserving evidence of our history is important for future generations to admire and learn from.

- Pretend a historical building is scheduled for demolition. Think about the long-term effects that the demolition of any particular historical site has on a community and future

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generations.

- Write to convince the mayor of the community the importance of preserving historical sites and districts. Reference facts, details and information from the Learning from Miami website to support the information you present in your essay.

4)

- History plays an important role in architecture.
- Research local historians in your community on the Internet or on the Learning From Miami webpage.
- Write to convince a person who only believes in modern contemporary structures to value historical structures from a historian's perspective. Refer to www.learningfrommiami.org for information that supports your viewpoint.

Resources:

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