

# Grade 10

## District Writing Assessment 2017

### Part 2

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Review the sources and your notes from Part 1, after which you will plan, draft, revise, and edit your persuasive synthesis essay. Your essay should include **at least six chunks** and must **address the opposing viewpoint** to your position in order to earn the highest scores.

Because this is a **synthesis essay**, you **must** use **multiple sources** in **each** paragraph. You are encouraged to use your notes and refer to the sources during the writing sessions.

Use the checklist below and [review the rubric](#) on which your essay will be scored.

Use Google Docs to write your essay. You may only work on this essay during your LA classes. **You are not allowed to work on this essay at home.** Your teachers will monitor your progress, so use your time efficiently and stay on task.

#### **PROMPT:**

Write a letter to your school board in which you take a stance on whether or not a financial literacy course should be required for graduation. Make sure you have a thesis, address opposing viewpoints, and support your thesis from the sources you have read. Develop your ideas clearly and use your own words except when quoting directly from sources. Be sure to cite the source title or number when quoting or paraphrasing details or facts from the sources.

#### **CHECKLIST FOR WRITING A PERSUASIVE SYNTHESIS ESSAY**

*My essay will be effective if I select specific, relevant content and organize well. I should...*

- follow the directions in the prompt.
- have a clear position and stay focused on proving it.
- address the opposing positions while still maintaining my own.
- use CDs and CM - well-chosen quotes and details as evidence, tied to my position with purposeful commentary.
- use effective, deliberate transitions to connect between ideas and paragraphs.
- use multiple sources in each paragraph.

*My essay will be effective if I demonstrate appropriate style. I should...*

- write in a voice appropriate for my audience - the school board.
- show that I am committed to my position.
- use precise words and phrases to support my position.
- use sentences of varied length and structure.

*My essay will be effective if I follow the conventions of writing. I should...*

- use appropriate, Standard English grammar.
- spell words correctly.
- capitalize correctly.
- use MLA-style in my essay and citations.
- write in complete, clear sentences.
- indicate where new paragraphs begin.

## **TURNING IN YOUR ESSAY:**

When you have completed your DWA, you will upload it to turnitin.com.

1. Make sure your essay is double spaced.
2. Only your final essay should be submitted.
3. Put your name at the top of the essay.
4. Also put your LA teacher's name and class period - (ex. Mancoff 4)

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