

MT 4:

Explanatory Essay

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Unit Four of Six

English 11

Texts

- Videos
- Example SAT essays
- Sample SAT prompts

Assessment

- Polished SAT Essay
 - After reading a chosen SAT sample prompt, write an essay that analyzes the persuasive strategies the author used

Standards Assessed

- RI.11.1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
- RI.11.2. Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of the text.
- W.11.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
- W.11.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

Timeline

- Week of 1/13:
 - Rhetorical situation
 - Analyze videos
- Week of 1/20:
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 - Nonfiction Signposts
 - PASTA
- Week of 1/27:
 - Analyze SAT prompt 1
 - Discuss SAT essay structure & rubric
- Week of 2/3:
 - Write practice SAT essay 1
 - Analyze SAT prompt 2
- Week of 2/10:
 - Write practice SAT essay 2
 - Sample essay responses
 - Analyze SAT prompt 3
- Week of 2/17:
 - Write practice SAT essay 3
- Week of 2/24:
 - Choose assessment prompt
 - Timed rough draft
- Week of 3/2:
 - Peer Revision
 - Self-Revision
 - Polished SAT Essay due Fri, 3/6

What Comes Next

- **MT 5: Writing the Argument**
 - Texts: Example columns, credible sources
 - Assessment: Opinion Column Essay
- **MT 6: Launching a Writer's Notebook**
 - Texts: Example narratives
 - Assessment: Narrative Writing Project
- **MT X: Independent Reading**
 - Texts: Choice texts
 - Assessment: Reading Reflection Conferences