

Polished SAT Essay

At this point, you have written three practice SAT essays, so you likely have a good understanding of what will be expected of you for the assessment. Just in case, however, here is the prompt:

As you read the passage below, consider how [the author] uses

- evidence, such as facts or examples, to support claims.
- reasoning to develop ideas and to connect claims and evidence.
- stylistic or persuasive elements, such as word choice or appeals to emotion, to add power to the ideas expressed.

Write an essay in which you explain how [the author] builds an argument to persuade his/her audience that [claim]. In your essay, analyze how [the author] uses one or more of the features used in the box above (or features of your own choice) to strengthen the logic and persuasiveness of his argument. Be sure that your analysis focuses on the most relevant features of the passage.

Your essay should not explain whether you agree with [the author's] claims, but rather explain how [the author] builds an argument to persuade his/her audience.

For this essay, you will be given three passage options. You will read each one, choose the one you feel you could best analyze, and ultimately write a timed essay responding to the prompt above. You will then have the opportunity to revise your essay by receiving feedback from your classmates, self, and teacher (if requested).

For information on the structure of this essay, see SAT Essay notes/ tan handout.

For information on the additional requirements of this essay, see the MT 4 rubric and the SAT Essay Rubric.

The typed final draft of this essay is **due to Turnitin.com on Friday, March 6th** by 11:59 pm.