

Ninth-Grade Expository Direct Writing Assessment 2007- 2008

TEACHERS: PLEASE READ THIS PAGE ALOUD TO THE STUDENTS.

- You have ninety (90) minutes to complete the writing process.
- Remember that expository writing **explains or informs**. Your essay should have an introduction with a **clear thesis statement**, a body and a conclusion. Use supporting details and examples.
- Use scratch paper to list and to organize ideas before you begin writing your rough draft.
- Use standard English, not email abbreviations (LOL, TX, @).
- Complete your final draft on the single response form provided.
- You must use **black ink**.
- Write neatly. Draw a line through any error and rewrite. Do not use a white correction pen or fluid.
- You may use a classroom dictionary or thesaurus.
- When you have finished your paper, reread it to make sure that you have said what you want to say.

Expository Prompt Background:

In Idaho, the driving age is 16. In other locations the driving age is 18 because officials feel that younger drivers are not mature enough to handle the responsibility and the rules of driving to avoid accidents. Some people would like to raise the driving age in Idaho to 18. What do you think? At what age is a person mature and responsible enough to have a driver's license?

Writing Assignment:

Write an expository essay for your English teacher identifying the appropriate age for obtaining your first driver's license and explaining the reasons why this particular age is appropriate.