Practice Georgia Writing Assessment Prompts & Checklists

The students were given one of the following prompts. The prompts were distributed at random. Match the topic number on the top of your child’s paper to the topic number listed below.

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| **Topic Number** | **Genre** | **Prompt** |
| 519 | Persuasive | You have now spent several years in school. Think about the grade you enjoyed the most. Write a persuasive essay that tells what your favorite grade was and why.  |
| 529 | Informational | Most teachers have rules that students must follow in the classroom. Describe the rules in your classroom and explain how they help students learn.  |
| 539 | Narrative | One day a spaceship lands on the playground of your school. Write a story about what happens that day.  |

The following checklists are attached to the prompts. They are designed to help the students ensure that they have included all components of their response.

**Persuasive Checklist**

**Prepare Yourself to Write**

* Read the writing topic carefully.
* Brainstorm for ideas.
* Decide what ideas to include and how to organize them.
* Write only in English.

**Make Your Paper Meaningful**

* Use your knowledge and/or personal experiences that are related to the topic.
* Express a clear point of view.
* Use details, examples, and reasons to support your point of view.
* Organize your ideas in a clear order.
* Write a persuasive paper and stay on topic.

**Make Your Paper Interesting to Read**

* Think about what would be interesting to your reader.
* Use a lively writing voice to hold the interest of your reader.
* Use descriptive words.
* Use different types of sentences.

**Make Your Paper Easy to Read**

* Write in paragraph form.
* Use transition words.
* Write in complete and correct sentences.
* Capitalize, spell, and punctuate correctly.
* Make sure your subjects and verbs agree.

**Informational Checklist**

**Prepare Yourself to Write**

* Read the writing topic carefully.
* Brainstorm for ideas.
* Decide what ideas to include and how to organize them.
* Write only in English.

**Make Your Paper Meaningful**

* Use your knowledge and/or personal experiences that are related to the topic.
* Explain your ideas.
* Develop your main idea with supporting details.
* Organize your ideas in a clear order.
* Write an informational paper and stay on topic.

**Make Your Paper Interesting to Read**

* Think about what would be interesting to the reader.
* Use a lively writing voice to hold the interest of your reader.
* Use descriptive words.
* Use different types of sentences.

**Make Your Paper Easy to Read**

* Write in paragraph form.
* Use transition words.
* Write in complete and correct sentences.
* Capitalize, spell, and punctuate correctly.
* Make sure your subjects and verbs agree.

**Narrative Checklist**

**Prepare Yourself to Write**

* Read the writing topic carefully.
* Brainstorm for ideas using your imagination and/or personal experiences.
* Decide what ideas to include and how to organize them.
* Write only in English.

**Make Your Paper Meaningful**

* Use your imagination and/or personal experiences to provide specific details.
* Tell a complete story.
* Create a plot or order of events.
* Describe the setting and characters in your story.
* Write a story that has a beginning, middle, and end.

**Make Your Paper Interesting to Read**

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* Use a lively writing voice that holds the interest of your reader.
* Use descriptive words.
* Use different types of sentences.

**Make Your Paper Easy to Read**

* Write in paragraph form.
* Use transition words.
* Write in complete and correct sentences.
* Capitalize, spell, and punctuate correctly.
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