

SAT Writing in Shop

Taking a Stand on an Important Issue

Project Summary: Students who take the SATs are often required to take a stand, agreeing or disagreeing with a quote. Even if you don't take the SATs, you will be confronted over time, with opinions of others, both within and outside of your field of expertise and will have to make a clear case for your beliefs. In this assignment you will be given a quote and asked to take a stand, to agree or disagree with it. Choose one of the following quotes to respond to in this assignment. Since the actual SAT test is 25 minutes long, you will be given just 25 minutes of lab time to complete this assignment.

- "All career and technology training should take place after high school."
- "No 16-year-old is ready for a career-tech education."
- "Reading and writing are the two most important skills of a career and technology education."
- "Career-tech students should not be required to pass a state assessment test, like students in academic high schools."
- "Career-tech students should not expect to get a high paying job without a college degree."

Purpose: Your purpose is to take a stand (or position) and defend your opinion in a persuasive way.

Writer's Role: You will write as yourself, a career and technology high school student with an opinion.

Audience: Your audience will be your teacher and classmates.

Form: You will write a multi-paragraph essay in 25 minutes.

Focus Correction Areas:

1. Clear statement of opinion ____ points
2. Two-to-three compelling reasons with supporting details ____ points
3. Strong conclusion ____ points

Procedures: Before writing your assignment, you will complete several activities.

- ✓ With a small group of classmates, read and briefly discuss the three quotes assigned to you.
 - ✓ Individually, choose one of the quotes to which you will take a stand and respond.
 - ✓ Draft your essay.
 - ✓ Read your draft in a one-foot voice; make any necessary changes to improve your essay.
- Optional steps after the 25 minute time limit has expired:
- ✓ Work with a partner to peer edit and get feedback; double-check your FCAs to be sure you have completed the assignment.
 - ✓ Rewrite your second draft with all your improvements.
 - ✓ Due date _____.