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# Writing Assessment III

Teacher  
Questionnaire



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**Y**our school has been selected as one of more than 1000 schools in Canada participating in the School Achievement Indicators Program (SAIP) in Writing. This program is the only comprehensive assessment of student achievement in Canada and its results are important in ascertaining how well students in various provinces and territories can write and in deciding on curriculum change and other matters affecting the teaching of writing.

This questionnaire is addressed to the teachers of students who have been selected to participate in this assessment. **Please keep those students in mind when answering the questions.** It asks about your professional background, instructional practices, the kinds of students you teach, and attitudes toward teaching writing. Since your school is part of a national sample, your responses are very important in helping to describe how writing is taught in Canada. It is therefore important that all questions be answered as carefully and accurately as possible.

This questionnaire is confidential when completed. Your responses will not be used in any way that will permit you, your students, or your school to be identified.

Once you have completed this questionnaire, please return it to your School Coordinator.

**Thank you for your time, effort, and thought in completing this questionnaire.**

**1 At which grade levels are you teaching English Language Arts this year?**

*(Darken all boxes that apply.)*

- grade 6 or below .....  1
- grade 7 (Secondary 1 – QC) .....  2
- grade 8 (Secondary 2 – QC) .....  3
- grade 9 (Secondary 3 – QC, Senior 1 – MB) .....  4
- grade 10 (Secondary 4 – QC, Level I – NF, Senior 2 – MB) .....  5
- grade 11 (Secondary 5 – QC, Level II – NF, Senior 3 – MB) .....  6
- grade 12 (CEGEP 1 – QC, Level III – NF, Senior 4 – MB) .....  7
- above grade 12 .....  8

**2 How many hours per week are you scheduled to teach the following types of courses? Please indicate whether the courses are semestered (half year).**

	<i>Number of hours/week</i>	<i>Semester course (Darken if YES.)</i>
Courses specific to writing (e.g., creative writing, technical writing, journalism) .....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Other English Language Arts courses .....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Other subjects .....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1

**3 How many hours per week do you have for planning and preparation during regular school hours (times when classes are in session in your school)?**

hours

**4 What is the AVERAGE number of students in the English Language Arts classes you teach this year?**

students

**What is your LARGEST number of students in any English Language Arts class?**

students

**What is your SMALLEST number of students in any English Language Arts class?**

students

**If you teach specialized courses in writing, what is the AVERAGE number of students in each class?**

students

**5 How many hours of class time does your school have scheduled per week?**

hours

**6 ON AVERAGE how many hours per week do you spend on each of the following activities outside of formal school hours?**

	<i>no</i>	<i>less</i>	<i>1-2</i>	<i>3-4</i>	<i>5-6</i>	<i>more</i>
	<i>time</i>	<i>than</i>	<i>hrs.</i>	<i>hrs.</i>	<i>hrs.</i>	<i>than</i>
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	□	□	□	□	□	□
Planning and preparation .....	□ <sub>1</sub>	□ <sub>2</sub>	□ <sub>3</sub>	□ <sub>4</sub>	□ <sub>5</sub>	□ <sub>6</sub>
Marking student work .....	□ <sub>1</sub>	□ <sub>2</sub>	□ <sub>3</sub>	□ <sub>4</sub>	□ <sub>5</sub>	□ <sub>6</sub>
Administrative duties .....	□ <sub>1</sub>	□ <sub>2</sub>	□ <sub>3</sub>	□ <sub>4</sub>	□ <sub>5</sub>	□ <sub>6</sub>
Meetings .....	□ <sub>1</sub>	□ <sub>2</sub>	□ <sub>3</sub>	□ <sub>4</sub>	□ <sub>5</sub>	□ <sub>6</sub>
Routine tasks (e.g., record keeping, photocopying) .....	□ <sub>1</sub>	□ <sub>2</sub>	□ <sub>3</sub>	□ <sub>4</sub>	□ <sub>5</sub>	□ <sub>6</sub>
Professional development (e.g., courses, conferences, professional reading) .....	□ <sub>1</sub>	□ <sub>2</sub>	□ <sub>3</sub>	□ <sub>4</sub>	□ <sub>5</sub>	□ <sub>6</sub>
Working with students (e.g., coaching, clubs, tutoring) .....	□ <sub>1</sub>	□ <sub>2</sub>	□ <sub>3</sub>	□ <sub>4</sub>	□ <sub>5</sub>	□ <sub>6</sub>
Other professional activities related to your teaching .....	□ <sub>1</sub>	□ <sub>2</sub>	□ <sub>3</sub>	□ <sub>4</sub>	□ <sub>5</sub>	□ <sub>6</sub>
Developing individualized education programs .....	□ <sub>1</sub>	□ <sub>2</sub>	□ <sub>3</sub>	□ <sub>4</sub>	□ <sub>5</sub>	□ <sub>6</sub>
Planned parent conferences .....	□ <sub>1</sub>	□ <sub>2</sub>	□ <sub>3</sub>	□ <sub>4</sub>	□ <sub>5</sub>	□ <sub>6</sub>

**7 ON AVERAGE, over a full school year, how many hours of your scheduled teaching time would you estimate is lost because of class cancellations, school closures, or other losses of whole class periods or school days?**  hours

**8 ON AVERAGE, how many minutes of each class period would you say are lost because of disruptions (e.g., late students, announcements, students looking for materials, or other)?**  minutes

**9 About how often do you meet with or speak by telephone to parents to discuss individual students?**

Never .....	□ <sub>1</sub>
Once or twice a year .....	□ <sub>2</sub>
About every other month .....	□ <sub>3</sub>
About once a month .....	□ <sub>4</sub>
About once a week .....	□ <sub>5</sub>
Two or three times a week .....	□ <sub>6</sub>
More than five times a week .....	□ <sub>7</sub>

**10 Approximately what percentage of parents do you have contact with, over a full school year?**

At regularly scheduled parent-teacher interviews	<input type="text"/> %
At times other than during regularly scheduled interviews	<input type="text"/> %

**11 About how often do you meet with other teachers to plan lessons, units, tests, or discuss other program matters?**

- Never .....  1
- Once or twice a year .....  2
- About every other month .....  3
- About once a month .....  4
- About once a week .....  5
- Two or three times a week.....  6
- Almost every day .....  7

**12 When planning English Language Arts lessons, to what extent do you use ...**

- |  | <i>rarely<br/>or<br/>never</i> | <i>a few<br/>times<br/>a month</i> | <i>a few<br/>times<br/>a week</i> | <i>almost<br/>every<br/>class</i> |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| your own previously prepared lessons? .....                | <input type="checkbox"/> 1     | <input type="checkbox"/> 2         | <input type="checkbox"/> 3        | <input type="checkbox"/> 4        |
| materials prepared by other teachers or specialists? ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> 1     | <input type="checkbox"/> 2         | <input type="checkbox"/> 3        | <input type="checkbox"/> 4        |
| student textbooks? .....                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1     | <input type="checkbox"/> 2         | <input type="checkbox"/> 3        | <input type="checkbox"/> 4        |
| other textbooks or resource books? .....                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1     | <input type="checkbox"/> 2         | <input type="checkbox"/> 3        | <input type="checkbox"/> 4        |
| teacher guides or teacher editions of textbooks? .....     | <input type="checkbox"/> 1     | <input type="checkbox"/> 2         | <input type="checkbox"/> 3        | <input type="checkbox"/> 4        |
| provincial curriculum documents? .....                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 1     | <input type="checkbox"/> 2         | <input type="checkbox"/> 3        | <input type="checkbox"/> 4        |
| Internet or other computer-based sources? .....            | <input type="checkbox"/> 1     | <input type="checkbox"/> 2         | <input type="checkbox"/> 3        | <input type="checkbox"/> 4        |
| evaluation materials? .....                                | <input type="checkbox"/> 1     | <input type="checkbox"/> 2         | <input type="checkbox"/> 3        | <input type="checkbox"/> 4        |
| media-generated materials? .....                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 1     | <input type="checkbox"/> 2         | <input type="checkbox"/> 3        | <input type="checkbox"/> 4        |
| other sources? .....                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> 1     | <input type="checkbox"/> 2         | <input type="checkbox"/> 3        | <input type="checkbox"/> 4        |

**13 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**

- |  | <i>strongly<br/>disagree</i> | <i>disagree</i>            | <i>agree</i>               | <i>strongly<br/>agree</i>  |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Every student has the potential to become an effective writer .....                                | <input type="checkbox"/> 1   | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| The main purpose of writing is communication with others. ....                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 1   | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| In order to write well, students need to know the basic rules of English grammar and syntax. ....  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1   | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Writing is a process of gathering information and ideas, constructing, and conveying meaning. .... | <input type="checkbox"/> 1   | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Writing should be taught in all school subjects, not just in English Language Arts. ....           | <input type="checkbox"/> 1   | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| It is really difficult to judge good writing because writing styles vary a great deal. ....        | <input type="checkbox"/> 1   | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| The ability to write is more a matter of talent than of teaching.....                              | <input type="checkbox"/> 1   | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |



**How often do the following happen in your English Language Arts classes?**

	<i>rarely or never</i>	<i>a few times a month</i>	<i>a few times a week</i>	<i>almost every class</i>
I work with individual students. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
We discuss or do things other than the topic of the lesson. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
I discuss assessment criteria (rubrics) when assigning writing. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
Students have a choice of topics. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
Students have a choice of forms. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>

**15 In your school, to what extent do you think that writing...**

	<i>13 year-olds</i>			<i>16 year-olds</i>		
	<i>very little</i>	<i>some</i>	<i>a lot</i>	<i>very little</i>	<i>some</i>	<i>a lot</i>
<b>is</b> taught in school subjects other than English Language Arts .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
<b>counts</b> for marks in other school subjects .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
<b>should be</b> taught in school subjects other than English Language Arts .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>

**16 How often are the following resources used in your English Language Arts classes, specifically in teaching writing?**

	<i>rarely or never</i>	<i>a few times a month</i>	<i>a few times a week</i>	<i>almost every class</i>	<i>not avail- able</i>
Computers for word processing .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
Instructional software .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
Print magazines or newspapers .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
Overhead projector .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
Slides, films, or videos .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
The Internet or World Wide Web .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
Experts within the community (e.g., writers) .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
Excerpts from established writers as examples .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
Provincial curriculum guides .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>



**17 In your English Language Arts courses, how often would you expect students to do each of the following?**

	<i>rarely or never</i>	<i>a few times a month</i>	<i>a few times a week</i>	<i>almost every class</i>
Write a poem. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Write a descriptive essay. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Write an expository essay. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Write a piece of fiction. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Write in a diary or journal. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Write a letter. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Write a drama or script for performance. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Write a summary or précis of a longer document. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Write a report. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Write an article for a newspaper. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

**18 How often do you or your students use the following questioning techniques in your English Language Arts classes?**

	<i>rarely or never</i>	<i>once or twice a class</i>	<i>several times a class</i>	<i>many times a class</i>
<b>I ask questions...</b>				
of individual students by name. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
of the class as a whole. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
specifically of students I feel are not paying attention. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
of the best students to make it more likely to get a good answer. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
of reticent students to help improve their participation. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
requiring brief responses (e.g., a word or phrase). ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
requiring more elaborated responses (e.g., a few sentences). ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
intended to stimulate a general discussion. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
<b>Students ask questions...</b>				
requiring a brief response by the teacher. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
requiring an elaborated response by the teacher. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
requiring responses by other students. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
that stimulate general discussion. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

**19 To what extent do the following limit or restrict how you teach your English Language Arts classes?**

	<i>not at all</i>	<i>a little</i>	<i>quite a lot</i>	<i>a great deal</i>
the range of student abilities in the class .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
the range of differences in students' backgrounds (e.g., economic, language) .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
the presence of students with special needs (e.g., mental or emotional disorders, physical disabilities) .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
uninterested students .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
disruptive students .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
pressure from parents .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
shortage of computer hardware or software .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
shortage of materials or equipment .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
inadequate physical facilities .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
large class size .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
low morale in the school .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
concerns with personal safety or the safety of students .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
inadequate resource material for lesson planning .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
external examinations or standardized tests .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
limits in my own background in the subject .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
inadequate curriculum design .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
lack of in-service with respect to the curriculum .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>

**20 The following is a list of statements that describe some things students might be expected to have learned in previous grades. Thinking of your students who are writing this SAIP assessment, please indicate, using the scale below, whether these skills have been, or will be taught this year or whether you expect students to have learned these things before coming to you.**

**In responding to these statements, think of situations in which your students would be expected to produce examples of analytic or narrative writing pieces of at least one paragraph in length.**

**If you have students from several courses writing the SAIP assessment, please think of those in the LEAST advanced course or courses.**

**If you teach only one SAIP age group, please respond for that age group only. If you teach both age groups, think about the same item for both groups before responding.**

**Scale for Responding to This Question**

- <sub>1</sub> ..... I expect students to have learned this before this year.
- <sub>2</sub> ..... This is taught this year.
- <sub>3</sub> ..... I do not expect students to be able to do this until later grades.

***I expect my students to be able to ...***

	<i>13-year-olds</i>			<i>16-year-olds</i>		
	<i>Before</i>	<i>Now</i>	<i>Later</i>	<i>Before</i>	<i>Now</i>	<i>Later</i>
develop a thesis statement. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
develop a consistent flow of ideas under a theme. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
develop a persuasive argument. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
develop a summary or concluding statement. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
demonstrate engagement with the subject. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
develop appropriate transitions between ideas. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
use jargon or slang judiciously. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
use imagery, metaphor, and other literary devices to convey ideas. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
use relevant detail, avoid irrelevant detail. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
use varied sentence structure and length. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
use compound and complex sentences appropriately. ..	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
choose words that accurately convey meaning. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
correctly use common rules of language such as subject-verb agreement. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
use complete sentences, avoiding fragments unless required for specific effect. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
correctly use punctuation and capitalization. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
correct most errors of spelling or grammar when proofreading text. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
revise/edit for content and style. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
use a word processor to write and revise text. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
use a word processor for spelling and grammar checks. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>

**21 How often do you usually assign homework in your English Language Arts classes?**

- Never ..... <sub>1</sub>
- Less than once a week ..... <sub>2</sub>
- Once or twice a week ..... <sub>3</sub>
- 3 or 4 times a week ..... <sub>4</sub>
- Every class ..... <sub>5</sub>

***If you do not assign homework, please go to question 25.***

**22 If you do assign English Language Arts homework, how many minutes would you expect an average student to spend doing this work?**

- less than 15 minutes .....  1
- 15–30 minutes .....  2
- 31–60 minutes .....  3
- more than 60 minutes .....  4

**23 If you assign English Language Arts homework, how often do you assign each of the following tasks?**

*rarely or never*    *a few times a month*    *a few times a week*    *almost every class*

- Writing essays or narratives longer than one paragraph .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4
- Editing or proofreading of previous work .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4
- Working individually on long-term writing projects .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4
- Working in groups on long-term writing projects .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4
- Preparing oral reports .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4
- Keeping a diary or journal .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4

**24 If you assign written homework, how often do you do the following?**

*rarely or never*    *a few times a month*    *a few times a week*    *almost every class*

- Record whether or not the homework is completed .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4
- Collect, mark, and keep assignments .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4
- Collect, mark, and return assignments to students .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4
- Give feedback on homework to whole class .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4
- Have students mark their own homework in class .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4
- Have students exchange assignments and mark them in class .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4
- Use homework to contribute towards students' grades or marks .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4

**25 In assessing the work of students in your English Language Arts courses, how much weight do you give to each of the following?**

*none*    *a little*    *quite a lot*    *a great deal*

- Standardized tests produced outside the school .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4
- Teacher-made short answer or essay tests that require students to explain their reasoning .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4
- Teacher-made multiple-choice, true-false, or matching tests .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4
- Homework assignments .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4
- Examples of the student's own writing .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4

**In assessing the work of students in your English Language Arts courses, how much weight do you give to each of the following?**

	<i>none</i>	<i>a little</i>	<i>quite a lot</i>	<i>a great deal</i>
Portfolios of student work .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Observations or interviews of students .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Attendance in class .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Participation of students in class activities .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Effort .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Improvement over the year or term .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Student self-assessment .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Peer evaluation .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Other .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

**26 ON AVERAGE, how many different scores or grades do you use in computing final marks for your English Language Arts students?**

- One to four .....  1
- Five to nine .....  2
- Ten to fourteen .....  3
- Fifteen or more .....  4

**27 Are you female or male?**

- Female .....  1
- Male .....  2

**28 Counting this year, how many years of teaching experience do you have in total?**

years

**29 Counting this year, how many years of teaching experience have you had...**

- in your current school?  years
- in the province or territory in which you are now located?  years
- teaching 13-year-old students?  years
- teaching 16-year-old students?  years
- teaching English Language Arts?  years

**30 Which of the following degrees or diplomas do you hold?**

*(Darken all boxes that apply.)*

- B.A. or equivalent in English or a related area .....  1
- B.A., B.Sc., or equivalent in a subject other than English .....  2
- B.Ed. or equivalent (e.g., at least one year of teacher training) .....  3
- Master degree in education .....  4
- Master of English degree .....  5
- Master degree in another subject .....  6
- Ph.D. or equivalent .....  7
- Other degree or diploma .....  8
- No degree or diploma .....  9

**31 How many full-year equivalent university courses have you taken in English?**

**(A semester course is equivalent to one-half a full-year course. Please convert other courses to full-year equivalents.)**

courses

**32 In the past two years, have you completed any in-service professional development, or other courses dealing specifically with the teaching of writing?**

- Yes .....  1
- No .....  2

**33 Which of the following statements best describes your own comfort level in teaching English Language Arts?**

- I consider myself a specialist in this area and prefer to teach mainly in this area. ....  1
- I consider myself quite capable of teaching English Language Arts, but would prefer to teach other subjects. ....  2
- I am not particularly comfortable with English Language Arts, but teach it when necessary. ....  3
- I will teach English Language Arts only as a last resort. ....  4

**Thank you again for taking time  
to complete this questionnaire.**