

SAT STRUCTURE (ESSAY)

The SAT Essay Test will assess your college and career readiness by testing your abilities to read and **analyze a high-quality source document** and **write a coherent analysis** of the source **supported with critical reasoning and evidence from the given text**.

No prior knowledge is required.

SAT Essay: TEST OVERVIEW	
Timing	50 minutes
Questions	1 writing prompt (ALWAYS the same prompt)
Passages	1 single argumentative (persuasive) source aimed toward a large audience
Passage Length	650-750 words

SAT Essay: TEXT TYPE	
Argumentative (i.e. Persuasive)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ The passage provided will examine ideas, debates, and shifts in the arts and sciences as well as civic, cultural, and political life.★ Rather than having a simple for/against structure, the passage will be nuanced and will relate views on complex subjects.★ The passages will also be logical in their structure and reasoning.

SAT Essay: SKILLS TESTED	
Analysis of Author's/Speaker's Rhetoric	<p>The SAT Essay Test prompt will ask you to <u>explain how the presented passage's author builds an argument to convince an audience</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ In writing your essay, you may analyze elements such as the author's use of evidence, reasoning, style, and persuasion