

Writer's Workshop Argument Prompt: Timed Essay Writing

Choose ONE of the prompts below for your timed writing. You will have 60 minutes.

Prompt #1:

With the huge influence of social media, television, and magazines, the pressure to look, act, and be a certain way is real, especially for teens and young adults.

Do girls or boys face more societal pressure, or do they face equal amounts?

Prompt #2:

Just a generation ago, youth sports had winners and losers. Only the winning team and the MVP players got trophies and awards. In today's world that is no longer the case. All children who participate in team sports get awards and trophies, regardless of their skill or success. Both the winning and losing teams are celebrated with participation awards.

Do participation trophies have value, or do they undervalue the winner's achievements?

No matter which prompt you choose, be sure to:

- Be passionate about your choice (or pretend to be :)
- Take time to organize your writing and your ideas
- Hook your reader and include a brief background of the issue and a thesis that clearly states your opinion
- Give three clear reasons for your opinion and support them with evidence and examples.
- Address an opposing point of view in one of your body paragraphs
- End with a conclusion that restates your topic and thesis and leaves the reader with a memorable final thought.