

## Writing Proficiency Exam: Spring 2011

To ensure anonymity, please write your name on the back of the last page.

### Steps to Success:

- Write only on one side of the paper.
- Outline carefully before writing, and proofread when done.
- Cross out mistakes neatly and keep the writing as legible as possible.
- Remember the importance of vivid examples.

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Write a short (60-minute) essay addressing the following prompt:

**In the article on “The Future of Reading,” the internet is blamed for the decline in reading among teenagers, though a few supporters argue that the internet actually increases the amount of reading teenagers do.**

**Discuss your own reading and internet habits—what you spend your time doing—and what you feel are the benefits and drawbacks to surfing the web (or texting, emailing, etc.). Be detailed about your own experience with reading and the internet, but feel free to discuss others’ experience and what you feel could (or should) be done to get more students to read.**