

Prestwick House Writing Sample

Answer the first question as if you were speaking directly to the student who asks it:

Sample #1:

You are teaching 9th grade English to an average class, and a student asks, “Why do we need to learn these parts of speech? I’ll never need to know them in my job or any other time after I graduate.”

Sample #2:

Choose a play, novel, or other work of fiction with which you are familiar. Write two essay questions about it that are suitable for college prep or above and answer them. Then, compose three multiple-choice questions, only one of which may be comprehension-based, on the same work, also with answers.