

## Grade 10 English Emergency Extended Lesson Plans

In the event of an emergency school closing for an extended period of time, you must complete the following assignments:

Question: Is standardized testing a valuable tool to assess student learning?

Objective: Read several articles that discuss the purpose of standardized testing. From these articles, take notes, create an outline, and finally write a “position” paper where you agree or disagree with the evidence presented.

Essential questions to ask before beginning:

- What are standardized tests?
- Why are they used to measure learning?
- Who looks at the results of the tests?
- Why are the results important?
- Are there better ways to measure student progress?

Assignment:

1. Find and read three or more articles or websites about standardized testing.
2. Decide whether you agree or disagree that standardized testing is a useful measure of student achievement.
3. Create a thesis statement.
4. Write a brief topic outline.
5. Write a position paper containing 5 paragraphs.
  - Paragraph one: introduction
  - Paragraph two: strongest (first) argument
  - Paragraph three: second argument
  - Paragraph four: third argument
  - Paragraph five: conclusion where you acknowledge another side exists to the argument, but wrap up by summarizing your opinion.

In order to receive credit, the list of sources, outline and paper must be submitted.

Suggested topics for searching the web:

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| standardized testing                  | measuring student achievement             |
| advantages of standardized testing    | any information about the SAT or ACT test |
| disadvantages of standardized testing |   |
| improving standardized testing        |   |
| accuracy of standardized tests        |   |

**Assignments will be collected by your English teacher.**