New York State Testing Program

English Language Arts Test

Writing Mechanics

Grade **8**

2006—2009 Practice Set

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A long time ago when Da Vinci made the painting he carried it with him every where he went and even if it where Hot out he would still have it. The Heat and Humidity may cause some of the paint to melt. Then when he sold it to the museum it was probably hot in the museum. When the Painting was stolen The man who stole it but it in a bottom of a trunk For 2 years. There may have been some things in the trunk that might have damaged it. When the man who stole it was caught when he was trying to sell it,

it was taken back to the louvre in which it had been before it was stolen. Now-the Monalisa is still in the Museum behind Bullet Proof glass and a very heavy railing. I think experts are surprised on how the mona Lisa is still here after all the bad conditions it has been through

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Ada Byron Lovelace and Wesley Powell had lerand two different kinds of sciences. Ada learnd computer science when Powell lernd earth science.

Ada's experience came from been sick for 3 years and learning about ~~math~~ math + science. Powell's interest came from teaching geology and exploring the Colderodo regeon.

Practice Set 1B

This is why Ada's and Poewells experiences with science are different. Ada was a person ahead of her time while Poewell was a dare devill explorer.

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The "Mona Lisa" has been in many different places. It started of with Leonardo da Vinci. Then the King of France bought it and it went there. After that it was stolen and kept in a trunk for 2 years. After it was found it was placed in an art gallery, where it is now.

These places were very different from one another. When da Vinci had possession of the Mona Lisa he took it every where he went. It probably was not kept in good condition. Then when

it was sold to the King of France, he might have hung it on a wall and kept it safe. However, when it got stolen it was put in a trunk for 2 years and you never know what damage could have gotten done. Now it is protected in a safe museum. the painting is gaurded by strong railings and bullet proof glass. The Mona Lisa is to this day the most recognized face in the world.

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Lovelace and Powell had different training. Lovelace was bedridden for three years. Her parents hired tutors for her during this time. She studied a lot. Powell, though, was a different story. He taught hisself. His education was a "homemade education."

Lovelace and Powell both had successful careers, Lovelace had the

training to become a mathematicics, something that wasn't common for a girl in her time. Powell's education let him be outdoors, so that is where he explored. The outdoors is where he was raised.

Both Lovelace and Powell had successful careers, but they each had completely different training.

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The Mona Lisa has been kept in several different places since da Vinci painted it. One place was the louvre back about 500 years ago, and another place was the louvre now. The louvre back then and the louvre now were alot different.

The louvre back about 500 years ago didn't rilly protected the Mona Lisa as good as it is now. For an example the louvre back then a workman named Napoleion who worked at the louvre stole the Mona Lisa. He wanted to take the Mona Lisa to Italy, he tryed to sell the painting to a Italin art dealer

But then caught. The louvre now is alot more protected about the Mona Lisa. The louvre now has bullet proof glass around the painting and airconditioning.

In conclusion the louvre now is alot different than the louvre back then in many ways.

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Ada Byron Lovelace and Wesley powel both did amazing things. Ada made the first computer program and Wesley Powels explored the grand cannon twice with only one arm. Wesley went to rude schools that didn't even teach science so then he decided to have "homemade" education Ada Byron Lovelace on the other hand went to school and had a humungus love For math and Science.

They both ended up doing great things in the end.

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She learned to paint her house to use her own painting colors and brush to keep her house beautiful. She likes to paint but later she got married and show him to paint her painting pitchure is like her mother, but later on She wanted to be a scientist before she die she gave the King 100,000 dollars.

Practice Set 5A

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Ada Byron Lovelace trained to make program for the computers. She was in love for computer. She study Math and Sciece.

Ada Byron made a program named analytical Engine. Charles Babbage was a greatly influece Ada Byron. Charles help he reach her carrers.

Ada Byron took an interest on Charles help he reach he carrer.

8th GRADE WRITING MECHANICS

PRACTICE SET ANSWER KEY

Name:_____

	cluster score points	cluster score
PS 1	(0-3)	
PS 2	(0-3)	
PS 3	(0-3)	
PS 4	(0-3)	
PS 5	(0-3)	