

GRADE 8 WRITING

PROMPT No. 8710

Your school is planning to issue laptop computers to ninth graders next year. Do you think this is a good idea? Write to explain why or why not.

CHECKLIST FOR WRITERS

- _____ I planned my paper before writing it.

- _____ I revised my paper to be sure that
 - _____ the introduction captures the reader's attention;
 - _____ the central idea is supported with specific information and examples that will be interesting to the reader;
 - _____ the content relates to my central idea;
 - _____ ideas are organized in a logical manner;
 - _____ my sentences are varied in length;
 - _____ my sentences are varied in the way that they begin; and
 - _____ the conclusion brings my ideas together.

- _____ I edited my paper to be sure that
 - _____ correct grammar is used;
 - _____ words are capitalized when appropriate;
 - _____ sentences are punctuated correctly;
 - _____ words are spelled correctly; and
 - _____ paragraphs are clearly indicated.

- _____ I checked my paper.

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