

## WRITING PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION

### FOR THIS ESSAY, DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Choose one of the topics below; read the quote, think about the question, and write a thesis-driven position paper that directly answers the question.
2. The essay should include an introduction that ends with a clear thesis statement, at least two paragraphs of support, and a conclusion. The essay should be 300-500 words in length.
3. Each body paragraph must focus on one main idea and use specific examples and details to support your thesis. This support may come from popular culture, observation, personal experience, or coursework.
4. Edit your work for mechanical errors before submitting. Pay close attention to sentence structure, subject-verb agreement, pronoun agreement, and word choice.

### PROMPTS :

In signing this paper, I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to check on the results\* of the Writing Proficiency Examination; I also acknowledge that, if I fail the exam, it is my responsibility to enroll in and pass English 2113 as a requirement for graduation. I further understand that English 2113 is taught at MSU in the Fall, Spring, and both Summer semesters. I understand that, if I fail the exam, my failure to check on my exam results or my failure to enroll in and pass English 2113 may extend my anticipated date of graduation by a semester or more. I also understand that I may not retake the exam and that I may not appeal the results.

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**Signature**

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