

## Praxis Core Writing Test Practice Writing Prompts

Below you will find a list of sample writing prompts for the Praxis Core Writing test. The essay portion of the writing test is made up of two essay types: Argumentative and Source-Based.

The ***argumentative essay*** requires you to develop a written response that articulates your agreement or disagreement of the topic provided. The ***source-based essay*** requires you to develop a writing response that articulates a clear discussion of the issues presented in the prompt that includes the identification and explanation of the importance of the issues outlined in the sources provided for the prompt.

You can use this study guide to develop and practice your essay writing skills as you prepare for the Praxis Core Writing test. The [© 2018 ProCon.org](http://www.procon.org) website is a resource you can use to identify topical areas for your essay writing. All the sample prompts below use this resource as a guide for each writing topic.

Read each essay prompt below and then choose a topic area from the list of procon.org topics to develop your essays.

- ***Argumentative Essay Prompt***

- Discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the opinion expressed in the problem. Support your views with specific reasons and examples from your own experience, observations, or reading.

- ***Source-Based Essay Prompt***

- This essay requires you to use information from the two opinions to discuss the most important concerns that relate to the issue you've chosen. When paraphrasing or quoting from the sources, cite each source used by referring to the author's last name, title, or other clear identifier.



## Essay Topics

Use the [procon.org](http://procon.org) link to choose a topic and access the information for each topic below to write your practice argumentative and source-based essays.

### **Health and Medicine Topics**

- Vaping E-Cigarettes
- Medical Marijuana
- Vaccines for Kids
- OTC Birth Control
- Vegetarianism

### **Education Topics**

- Standardized Tests
- College Education - Worth It?
- Student Loan Debt
- School Vouchers
- Banned Books

### **Elections & Presidents Topics**

- Felon Voting
- Voting Machines
- Lowering the Voting Age to 16
- Electoral College

### **Politics Topics**

- Recreational Marijuana
- Under God in the Pledge
- Sanctuary Cities
- Drinking Age – Lower it?
- Gun Control

### **Science and Technology Topics**

- Animal Testing
- Alternative Energy vs. Fossil Fuels
- Climate Change
- Net Neutrality

### **Sex and Gender Topics**

- Gay Marriage
- Prostitution – Legalize It?
- Born Gay? - Origins of Sexual Orientation

### **Economy and Taxes Topics**

- Universal Basic Income
- Penny – Keep it?
- Minimum Wage

### **Entertainment and Sports Topics**

- Drug Use in Sports
- National Anthem Protests
- Social Media?
- Video Games and Violence