

ELA TECHnology

Purpose: Improve student writing on the
AZMerit test.



Where to start?

http://azmeritportal.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Sample-Test-Guide_Final_022615.pdf



Do you have a plan?

Students will be required to use paper and pencil to take notes and plan their response.



First you must read

What do you read?

1. READ the prompt.
2. What is the prompt?
3. Why read the prompt before reading the material?

Prompts will:

- # Tell you to:
- # Explain
- # Argue/Opine
- # Inform
- # Tell a story



AND the prompt will:

#Tell you to cite your sources!

#What sources? The *articles*
your just read.(3)

How to prepare

- # It is imperative that we are assigning our students “writing from sources” tasks often.
- # In Grades 3-12, students have to be comfortable using information from sources they’ve read as they write.

And

- # Students should also have practice reading the sources online; not all of the time, but often enough to be comfortable reading online.



Further

if students have only used hard copy texts and physically highlighted and annotated their sources, the online reading expected on AzMERIT will throw them.