

WPE Practice Topic:  
A Picture

You will have 90 minutes to write on the essay topic that follows. Please read the directions below before you begin to write.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Read the topic a couple of times and note what it requires you to do. Complete all the tasks of the assignment.
2. You have 90 minutes to write on the essay topic. Take time to plan and organize your essay before you begin to write. (Scratch outlines are often quite helpful.)
3. Make sure that you support or illustrate general points with specific evidence and concrete examples.
4. Allow yourself enough time after writing to review your essay, check for errors and omissions, and make the necessary corrections.
5. The essay topic is designed to give you an opportunity to demonstrate your ability to write clearly and effectively. Perfection is not expected, but you should try to produce the best essay possible in the time allotted.

TOPIC:

It has been said that "A picture is worth a thousand words."

Choose a picture (painting or photo), that has had a powerful impact on you. You may have seen this picture in a magazine, newspaper, book, museum, or gallery, or it may be something you or a friend or relative possesses. (1) Describe this picture, and (2) discuss what it means to you and (3) why it affected you so powerfully.