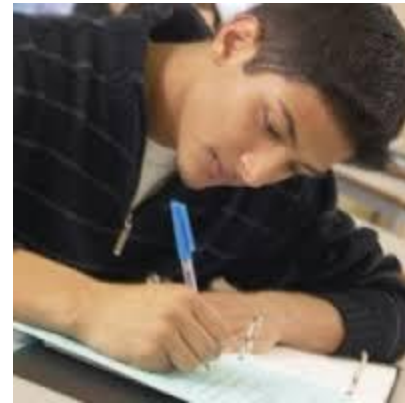


TDA Information/Guide

- The TDA question on the PSSA is a question that will ask you to analyze the passage and use evidence from the passage to write an essay.
- It will be written as an essay:
 - Essays need introduction, body and concluding paragraphs.

- TDA asks for *analysis (a how or why question)* **and** support (*evidence and details from the passage*).
- The PSSA will show provide a grading guide and reminders on how to plan your essay.



PLAN before you write

- Make sure you read the question carefully.
- Make sure you have read the entire passage carefully.
- Think about how the question relates to the passage.
- Organize your ideas on scratch paper. Use a thought map, outline, or other graphic organizer to plan your essay.

FOCUS while you write

- Analyze the information from the passage as you write your essay.
- Make sure you use evidence from the passage to support your response.
- Use precise language, a variety of sentence types, and transitions in your essay.
- Organize your paper with an introduction, body, and conclusion.

PROOFREAD after you write

- I wrote my final essay in the answer booklet.
- I stayed focused on answering the question.
- I used evidence from the passage to support my response.
- I corrected errors in capitalization, spelling, sentence formation, punctuation, and word choice.