

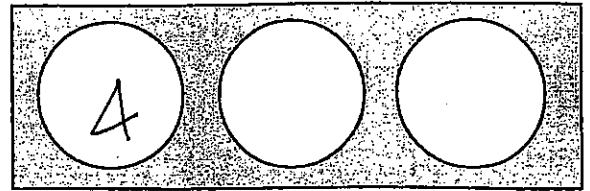
Oakland Unified School District Writing Proficiency Project



6th Grade Expository Anchor Papers Cool Fashion Trend Prompt

Note: Please do not use the anchor papers with students prior to the administration of the Process Writing Assessment

Writing Sample



Do not write in this box.

START ESSAY HERE

"Shake them Dreads." Bod Marley, Mac Dre, Damien Marley, and T-pain. These are some of the coolest and perhaps the most creative owners of dreadlocks. Dreadlocks are one of the most popular hairstyles today. Seeing rap artists such as Mac Dre and T-pain and many more stars convinces people to grow dreadlocks. Growing dreads is now a cool orderly fashion.

I think dreads are a cool fashion. Many people wear them including my teacher and myself. To grow dreads you have to grow your hair until it becomes a thick puffy afro. You can buy natural oils to twist your hair with. To maintain this hairstyle, you have to wash your hair then twist it with the natural oils, then you blow dry your hair so that it will not be wet. Those are the steps to maintain dreadlocks. It would be best if you twist your hair every two weeks.

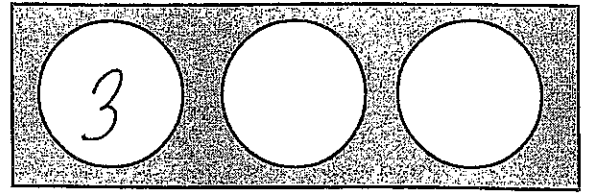
If you do not know what dreadlocks look like, here is your chance to learn. Dreads are a twisted thick-like hairstyle. One of the coolest thing about dreadlocks is that you can dye the tips of your hair

another color or dye your whole head. For example, I have black dreads with red and orange tips. It really stands out. Dreadlocks are not a bad hairstyle, rather they can make you look cool yet casual.

Some people may think dreads are a gang related hairstyles; however, dreads are a cultural hairstyle for proper, non-gang related people. Though I have dreads, I am not getting shot or getting into altercation with gang members. I feel that dreads are a cool fashion and everyone should get them.

After all this persuasion, would you consider having dreads? They are one of the coolest fashion trends of our day. Both men and women wear dreadlocks and they are becoming more and more popular. Now as E-40 and Keak da Sneak say, "Shake Them Dreads."

Writing Sample



Do not write in this box.

START ESSAY HERE

Baseball Caps

There are many fashion trends out there in the world, but the most popular one right now are baseball hats. Lots of people wear them, and they are stylish.

People wear them in all sorts of ways. They wear them backwards, to the side, to the front, etc. These dome-shaped flat bottom caps are found in thousands, maybe even millions of stores.

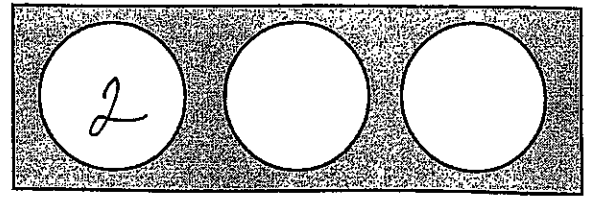
How this became a trend I don't know but I do have some guesses. It could have become trend because of the price or that the fact that baseball season has started. Baseball season or not, they have always been popular.

Mostly teens and adults wear them. I don't see a lot of kids wearing them. And do you know what the cool thing about baseball caps are? They match with your clothes.

I wear baseball caps, but not a school. I think they are cool because there are so many colors and designs. If you want to buy a cool baseball hat I would prefer the A's cap, because they're the best.

Caps are in style, and there is no way you can deny that.

Writing Sample



Do not write in this box.

START ESSAY HERE

Jordans

Jordans is a very popular shoe brand because its named after a very good basketball player. People from many places wear them. You can buy a pair of them at Foot Locker if you want, but they're kinda expensive. They even have jerseys and pants too! Jordans have all types of designs on it, but on everyone of the has a picture of a guy finger rolling a ball. Only some of them have a number 23 on it.

I think Jordans are going to last a long time because its going to be a classic shoe. Jordans can be on your feet. If its the jersey or pants, then you wear it on you legs and torso. If you wear Jordans, it makes you more popular in sports, but mostly in basketball.

Name: _____

School: _____

Teacher: _____

Period: _____

Grade: _____

Date: _____

1

The loner trend

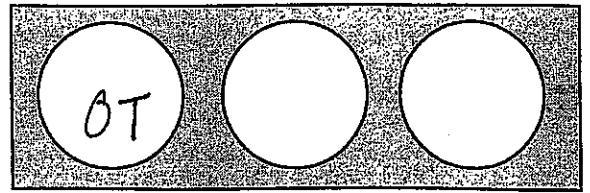
I think a simple outfit like long pants and a short sleeved T-shirt is nice but sometimes I see wild designs that look like thick fog.

I have no idea where this trend came from. I sort of made it up myself. Nobody tried my trend so I'm a loner.

No one embraced my trend so I forgot it.

I don't know what to say about it.

Writing Sample



Do not write in this box.

START ESSAY HERE

First Time I saw BabyPhat

When I first saw BabyPhat was when my step-dad bought me this cute little red sweater. I loved it, so after he showed my mom and I found out where the store was we go there right away. When we first saw the store we saw beautiful clothes hanging from the window. By the time we got in the store there were hundreds of clothes and accessories.

6th Grade Expository Anchor Papers: What's Cool Today

Title	Score	Notes
"Shake Them Dreads"	4	<p><i>Enthusiastic and informative essay that corresponds to a 4 Advanced in the following ways:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic is presented by naming popular rap artists (<i>Bob Marley, Mac Dre, Damien Marley, and T-Pain</i>) that show how <i>cool</i> and <i>popular</i> dreadlocks are. Writing takes topic from rap stars to ordinary people (<i>Growing dreads is now a cool orderly fashion.</i>) • Writing is organized through paragraphs that each address a different aspect of dreadlocks: how to grow them, what they look like, what some people associate with them. Ideas deepen and develop readers' understanding of dreadlocks. • Writing provides a thorough explanation of dreadlocks for those who are not familiar and in this way shows awareness of audience; language is appropriate and persuasive (<i>They are one of the coolest fashion trends of our day.</i>) • Language is specific (<i>thick puffy Afro, natural oils, maintain, etc.</i>) and sentence types are varied • Writing shows control of writing conventions though there are a few minor errors
Baseball Caps	3	<p><i>Clear and direct presentation of baseball caps as a fashion trend. Organized presentation of information corresponds to a 3 Proficient:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction presents topic clearly. • Writing explains how people wear baseball caps and includes some supporting details (<i>dome-shaped flat bottom, they match with your clothes, etc.</i>) • Writing speculates about how the caps became a trend. Writing addresses audience. (<i>Do you know what the cool thing about baseball cpas are?</i>) • Language is clear and there is some sentence variety and specific vocabulary. • Several errors but they do not interfere with meaning
Jordans	2	<p><i>Organized but brief paragraphs in a piece of writing about Jordans that corresponds to a 2 Developing:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic is presented right away; second paragraph slightly confusing (<i>If it's the jersey or pants, then you wear it on you legs and torso.</i>) Paragraphs not organized to support main ideas. • Although the writing presents lots of information about Jordans, the writing moves too fast and the ideas are not developed. • Because details are missing, writing shows little awareness of reader who is left with lots of questions (eg. How expensive are they? What are some of the other designs?) • General vocabulary; some sentence variety • Errors do not interfere with meaning. (<i>kinda</i>)
The loner trend	1	<p><i>Brief piece that begins with an original fashion trend, but does not develop it. A "1" for these reasons:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic is unclear • Ideas are organized but writer is not engaged in the task or topic, so writing is confusing (<i>Sometimes I see wild designs that look like thick fog.</i>) • Writing does not show audience awareness • Language is clear; some sentence variety • Very few errors

First Time I saw Baby Phat	OT	<p>An “OT” because instead of describing a fashion trend, it begins to narrate a memorable event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic is difficult to identify: what’s the fashion trend?• Writing attempts to provide details (<i>cute little red sweater</i>), but the writing is off topic• Writing does not show audience awareness• Sentences include some mistakes
----------------------------	----	--