

ASSESSMENT OF WRITING PROFICIENCY

The faculty at the College of Saint Elizabeth believes that students who want to succeed in college and the professions must be able to write well. We have therefore designed the curriculum to assist our students in developing this important ability. To help us determine which of our writing courses would best meet your needs, we are asking you to write an essay when you come to the campus for placement testing. This essay will be evaluated by members of the CSE faculty, and the results will determine which writing course you will take in your first semester.

The topic we'd like you to address in your essay is the following:

If you could choose to go back in history and live through some historical event or era that occurred before you were born, what would you choose? Write an essay discussing your choice and your reasons for making it. Be sure to present a well-reasoned argument and to adequately illustrate the points you make.

We advise you to give careful thought to this assignment so that you can produce an essay which will accurately demonstrate your level of writing proficiency. You will be required to write the essay during the testing session, but we encourage you to think the topic through and make notes for yourself at home. You may bring such notes to the testing session with you, but you will be required to turn them in along with your finished essay. You will not be permitted to bring a completed essay with you to simply recopy during the testing session.

Please bring this sheet with you to the session.

You will have one hour to complete this writing assignment.