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**M-Step – Language Arts Test Writing Piece**

Your ability to write will be tested on the M-Step through both multiple choice questions and a written essay.

* For the written essay, you will be given
	+ a text to read
		- (The text may be either
			* informational

or

* + - * narrative.)
	+ a writing prompt that asks you to respond to that text

The prompt will require you to ***analyze a specific element in the passage***.

The overall goals are for you to show your ability to

* Respond effectively to the prompt
	+ Analyze the text
		- In the manner requested
		- Accurately
		- Completely
* Consider your audience
* Effectively and correctly use vocabulary present in the text being analyzed
* Have a clear , well organized structure to your writing
	+ Clearly state a specific main idea in response
	+ Provide paragraphs of support
		- Make sure each supporting paragraph
			* Focuses on a clearly introduced reason for your answer
			* Develops this reason with a substantial amount of specific, well-chosen (important, best available) evidence from the text
				+ Details/Facts
				+ Examples
				+ Both quoted (especially when wording is important) and paraphrased
			* Clearly and accurately explains how that evidence supports your point
	+ Present ideas in a logical, well planned order and uses transitions as needed
	+ Have an appropriate conclusion
* Few if any convention errors
	+ Spelling, Capitalization, Punctuation
	+ Full sentences – no fragments or run-ons, begin with capital letter, end with wnd punctuation
	+ Grammar and Usage

You can find the rubric that will be used for this piece here: <http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/TDA_Rubric_FINAL_ada_605239_7.pdf>