New York State Testing Program

English Language Arts Test
Writing Mechanics

Grade 8

2006—2009 Practice Set
The *Mona Lisa* has been kept in several different places since da Vinci painted it. Write an essay in which you contrast these places. Describe the conditions under which the painting was kept. Use details from the article to support your answer.

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A long time ago when Da Vinci made the painting, he carried it with him everywhere he went and even if it were hot out, he would still have it. The heat and humidity may cause some of the paint to melt. Then when he sold it to the museum, it was probably hot in the museum. When the painting was stolen, the man who stole it put it in a bottom of a trunk. For 2 years, there may have been some things in the trunk that might have damaged it. When the man who stole it was caught when he was trying to sell it,
it was taken back to the Louvre in which it had been before it was stolen. Now the Mona Lisa is still in the museum behind Bullet Proof glass and a very heavy railing. I think experts are surprised on how the Mona Lisa is still here after all the bad conditions it has been through.
Ada Byron Lovelace and John Wesley Powell had very different training for their careers in science. Write an essay in which you explain how their professional preparation differed and how both approaches led to successful careers. Use details from both articles to support your answer.

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Ada Byron Lovelace and Wesley Powell had learned two different kinds of sciences. Ada learned computer science when Powell learned earth science.

Ada's experience came from being sick for 3 years and learning about math and science. Powell's interest came from teaching geology and exploring the Colorado region.
This is why Ada's and
Poe well's experiences with science
are different. Ada was a
person ahead of her time
while Poe well was a daredevil
explorer.
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The "Mona Lisa" has been in many different places. It started off with Leonardo da Vinci. Then the King of France bought it and it went there. After that it was stolen and kept in a trunk for 2 years. After it was found it was placed in an art gallery, where it is now.

These places were very different from one another. When da Vinci had possession of the *Mona Lisa* he took it everywhere he went. It probably was not kept in good condition. Then when
it was sold to the king of France, he might have hung it on a wall and kept it safe. However, when it got stolen it was put in a trunk for 2 years and you never know what damage could have gotten done. Now it is protected in a safe museum. The painting is guarded by strong railings and bullet proof glass. The Mona Lisa is to this day the most recognized face in the world.
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Lovelace and Powell both had successful careers. Lovelace had the
training to become a mathematician, something that wasn’t common for a girl in her time. Powell’s education let him be outdoors, so that is where he explored. The outdoors is where he was raised.

Both Lovelace and Powell had successful careers, but they each had completely different training.
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The *Mona Lisa* was first Leonardo da Vinci's, then he sold it to the king of France for 105,000 ducats. Then someone stole it in 1911.
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They both prepared in strange ways because of the conditions they were in.
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The Mona Lisa has been kept in several different places since da Vinci painted it. One place was the Louvre back about 500 years ago, and another place was the Louvre now. The Louvre back then and the Louvre now were a lot different.

The Louvre back about 500 years ago didn’t really protect the Mona Lisa as good as it is now. For example the Louvre back then a workman named Napoleon who worked at the Louvre stole the Mona Lisa. He wanted to take the Mona Lisa to Italy, he tried to sell the painting to a Italian art dealer.
But then, I read. The Louvre now is alot more protected about the Mona Lisa. The Louvre now has bullet proof glass around the painting and airconditioning.

In conclusion the Louvre now is alot different than the Louvre back then in many ways.
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Ada Byron Lovelace and Wesley Powell both did amazing things. Ada made the first computer program and Wesley Powels explored the grand cannon twice with only one arm. Wesley went to rude schools that didn't even teach science so then he decided to have "homemade" education. Ada Byron Lovelace on the other hand went to school and had a humungous love for math and science.
They both ended up doing great things in the end.
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She learned to paint her house to use her own painting colors and brush to keep her house beautiful. She likes to paint but later she got married and show him to paint her painting picture is like her mother, but later on she wanted to be a scientist before she die she gave the king 100,000 dollars.
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Ada Byron Lovelace trained to make program for the computers. She was in love for computer. She study Math and Science.

Ada Byron made a program named Analytical Engine. Charles Babbage was a greatly influence Ada Byron. Charles help her reach her careers.

Ada Byron took an interest on Charles help she reach her career.
8th GRADE WRITING MECHANICS

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