

## Grades 7–8 Pre-Writing

### DIRECTIONS

Peers are people of the same age group. Young people can learn many important things from their peers that will help them when they grow up. Look carefully at the pictures. Answer the questions. This will help you write an essay later.



**1**

What are some important things that students can learn from their peers in school?

**2**

What are some important things that young people can learn from their peers by playing a sport together?

**3**

How can the lessons that young people learn from their peers help them when they grow up?

## Student Responses for Item 1

### PW1.A

1

Students will Learn from their Peers is that they will Learn A lot of the Different age AND will Act like the Age that you Want two

#### Score Point 0

- Response is insufficient
- Irrelevant

### PW1.B

1

they do the homework. - the first the first we have trip and activity, when my student in the class we do the work we learn every think we do.

#### Score Point 0

- Response is irrelevant

**PW1.C**

**1**

The things important is the book in the school. The student read aloud book.

**Score Point 0**

- Response is insufficient
- Irrelevant

**PW1.D**

**1**

Students can learn from their peers about history, about what happens on the past.

**Score Point 1**

- Response contains one relevant idea
- Shows minimal thinking

**PW1.E**

1  
Students can be educate in school. Our peer can educate us, and we learn so much if we pay attention, and listen to what the so y student learn wit their peer.

**Score Point 1**

- Response contains one relevant idea

**PW1.F**

1  
Some important things that students can learn from their peers in school are how to understand what they are reading and use context clues if they don't know what a word means.

**Score Point 1**

- Response contains one relevant idea

**PW1.G**

1 The students can learn to read better, to write better, and to speak better from their peers in school.

**Score Point 2**

- Response contains two relevant ideas

**PW1.H**

1 Some important things that students can learn from the peers in school are how to work in group of students, how to speak with them all, how to make new friends, how to respect their partners and more.

**Score Point 2**

- Response contains two relevant ideas
- Shows thinking about the topic

**PW1.1**

1

- team works, shares ideas of each person and makes it becoming a great plan.
- learn their experiments.
- help students to understand more about the lessons if the students ~~does~~ don't understand in class

**Score Point 2**

- Response contains two relevant ideas
- Shows thinking about the topic

## Student Responses for Item 2

### PW2.A

2

The Sports is something important  
for the life in the world like  
you can play with your family  
baseball basket ball.

#### Score Point 0

- Response is irrelevant

### PW2.B

2

The young people can learn by playing  
a sport to play the sport with your peers  
and to know how to play any games  
with your peers and social.

#### Score Point 0

- Response is incoherent
- Irrelevant

**PW2.C**

2  
the things they can learn by playing sports is they learn how to cheer their friends on and how to be a good sport learn how to play fair to

**Score Point 1**

- Response contains one relevant idea with elaboration
- Shows minimal thinking

**PW2.D**

2  
When you play a sport together with your peers you can learn from them if you don't know how to play. You can observe them to see what is the object of the game.

**Score Point 1**

- Response contains one relevant idea (extended)

**PW2.E**

2

They could learn the reason why they play this sport and how they play this sport. Not only learn the game but learn the basic of the game

**Score Point 1**

- Response contains one relevant idea (extended)

**PW2.F**

2

They can learn to play together and get out of drugs, games, to smoking. to know each other. to get fun with their friends to study in school to pass their classes.

**Score Point 2**

- Response contains two relevant ideas

## PW2.G

2

Being together playing in a game can also help us to know each other, and to believe in someone else is important for us to trust in people who are trying to help us, and with communication, is a good form of grew up.

## Score Point 2

- Response contains two relevant ideas
- Shows thinking about the topic

## PW2.H

2

Playing sports you can learn from your peers, because some of your teammates know how to play better than you. But you also can learn that a sport is some like a way to make you have a friendship easily. You can learn to have communication with other, to understand other. You can learn to don't have discrimination.

## Score Point 2

- Response contains two or more relevant ideas
- Shows thinking about the topic

### Student Responses for Item 3

#### PW3.A

3

This lesson would help them to use that things that they learn to help people.

#### Score Point 0

- Insufficient
- Irrelevant

#### PW3.B

3

when... I grow up I want to play with my friends. This is a good thing to do and how to work.

#### Score Point 0

- Insufficient
- Irrelevant

**PW3.C**

3  
Important things you  
will never forget ... well  
at least to me... so  
what was good and  
important to you in the  
past it also might be important  
for the future

**Score Point 0**

- Irrelevant

**PW3.D**

3  
It may help you because your job  
may require you to know what you  
learned from your peers.

**Score Point 1**

- One relevant idea
- Minimal thinking

**PW3.E**

3

The lesson that young people can learn from their peers help them in life when they can be looking for a job.

**Score Point 1**

- One relevant idea (help in getting a job)
- Minimal thinking

**PW3.F**

3

Lesson's that young people learn from their peers will help them when they grow up because in every career there will be something that you don't know and you will remember that problem by remembering what you learn from your peers.

**Score Point 1**

- One relevant idea (extended)

**PW3.G**

3

help to work together with other  
even tho they don't like them  
  
Help them for jobs, schools  
and others.

**Score Point 2**

- Two relevant ideas

**PW3.H**

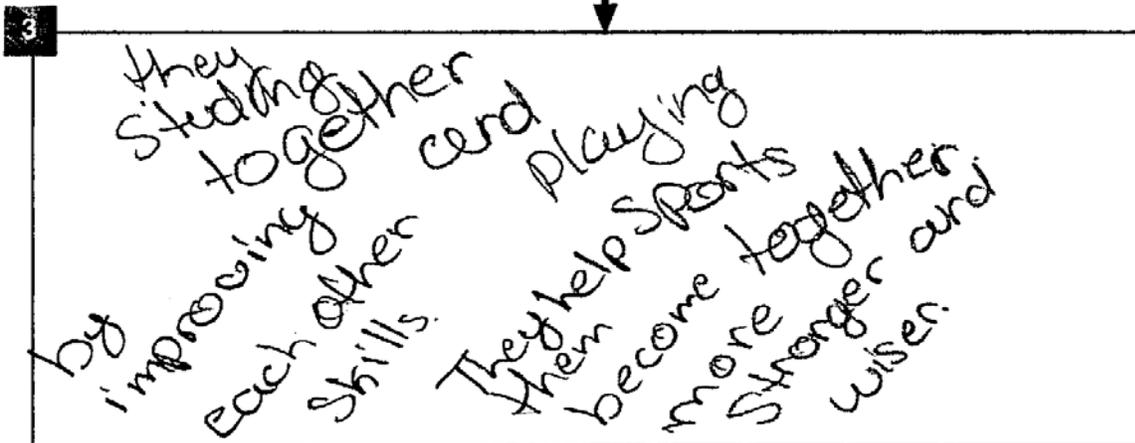
3

The lessons that young people learn  
from their peers could help them by not  
making the mistakes that they had  
made. It could also help them in future  
to get better grades by studying and  
by their help. It could also help them  
to go far in life. It could help them get  
better in sports.

**Score Point 2**

- Two relevant ideas
- Shows thinking about topic

**PW3.1**



**Score Point 2**

- Two relevant ideas
- Shows thinking about topic

## Grades 7–8 Writing

### DIRECTIONS

Write an essay about how the lessons that young people learn from their peers *in school* and *in sports* can help them when they grow up. Make sure your essay is well organized and of sufficient length. You may use your ideas from the Pre-Writing questions to help you write.

1



## Student Responses

### WR1.A

and school we like to read books it is  
good to read eunition and school  
we like minutes from are times  
that can lesson some like sports can  
lesson them we

#### Score Point 0

- Response demonstrates no understanding of the topic
- Includes no relevant details
- Incomprehensible

**WR1.B**

**1**

A leabrari is in school.  
There're boys a reading in Leabraria.  
A besball is an sport.  
We're playing basball in the park.

**Score Point 0**

- Response demonstrates no understanding of the topic
- Includes no relevant details

## WR1.C

1

When you in the school you learn how talk to your friend by nice to everybody. is important the people playin sport together understand it other when is playin a game. you learn thing about young people like how by nice to everyone to learn how talk the people to by a doctor something in your life. Then you learn about a the young people en you grow up in your life.

## Score Point 0

- Response includes no relevant details
- Generally incomprehensible

**WR1.D****1**

Students could learn about ~~peoples~~ countries and how they communicate with each other. . . . They could learn about baseball how to slide to the base. And in the peer you could learn more information about countries and sports and that could make you a professional player or you could be a professional baseball player in your country and grow up being a professional.

**Score Point 1**

- Response demonstrates limited understanding of the topic
- Includes very few relevant details
- Undeveloped
- Vocabulary and sentence structure are not appropriate for grade span

## WR1.E

1

Important things that student can learn from their peers in school. It is that they can learn how to read, to write, communicate, with their friend also how to look for answer the question.

Things that young people can learn from their peers by playing a sport together. That they can beat the game. They playing with their

**WR1.E (continued)**

friend and how to play  
the game. Also we get more  
interest in the sports.

Lessons that young people  
can learn from their peers. That  
when they grow up they know  
how to live how to do the  
thing in the future.

**Score Point 1**

- Response demonstrates limited understanding
- Very few relevant details
- Serious errors in spelling and/or grammar
- Undeveloped
- Vocabulary and sentence structure are not appropriate for grade span

**WR1.F**

**1**

I thing when you and other persons are working together like a group they can help each other like How to do Homework, Study, read, writi, and How to listen to your peers because you need to respect also you need to begaba in the class don't trou~~t~~ paper and no goom.

**WR1.F (continued)**

If you need help with sports tell me I can help you with everything you want because if some body is down you ~~need~~ need to ~~to~~ help them to go up and up because you want to be something in your live. remember ask for help if you don't know something.

**WR1.F (continued)**

IF I graduate from the college  
in the future I want to  
help people that don't know  
something.

**Score Point 1**

- Response demonstrates limited understanding
- Includes very few relevant details
- Errors in spelling and/or grammar cause confusion
- Vocabulary and sentence structure are not appropriate for grade span

## WR1.G

1

The lesson that young people learn from their peer in school. Is how to have confidence in your self. And how to work as a group. And learn from the mistakes that you have done.

Another one is how to be respectful to one another, and feel great about what you have done. Another reason that could help you as a lesson is to respect rules and learn that without them, there is no peace.

One of the important things that young people can learn from their peers

**WR1.G (continued)**

1. by playing sports. It is by learning how to have fun playing the sport that you are playing. An other reason why sport is so important is that you need to know how to play as a team and work with one another. An other reason is that when you are done with high school and college and you want to work in something that you are interesting in doing. You could look back and say, Look I realized that what I learn in high school are from my peers is that no matter what job you take. You need to work together. And respect one another. In order to keep that job.

**Score Point 2**

- Response demonstrates basic understanding of topic
- Includes a few relevant details
- Somewhat disorganized and minimally developed
- Vocabulary and sentence structure are basic for grade span

WR1.H

1

The lesson that young people can learn from their peers, in school or sports can help you to grow up. In school your friend can help you or can teach you how to share with others how to share things with others and not to be selfish.

Some important things that young people can learn from their peers by playing a sport together is how to work together, how to participate together as a team.



## WR1.1

1

Peers in school

Things that you can learn from  
peers in school are if people are put in  
school they can learn how to think about  
many ideas and help each other with the  
ideas that have one it can but together  
with the other ideas that the other people  
have so their work that they are doing can  
have a good grade and a good job from  
each other.

## WR1.I (continued)

## Peers in sports.

Some thing that they can to when they are playing sports like baseball it that you can communicate from each other when they are playing. They also can learn to play like when somebody can't play they help each other so they can win when they have a game. Besides that they can learn how to friendly with each other.

## The Lessons.

The lessons that they learn is that does thing help them when they get old to be intelligent and with a good healthy body.

That also help them to have a good

**WR1.I (continued)**

ideas in their mine. Besides that help them when they start working they have a lot of energy.

They also learn how to help other people that need help with sports or in school.

**Score Point 2**

- Response demonstrates basic understanding of topic
- Includes a few relevant details
- Minimally developed
- Vocabulary and sentence structure are basic

WR1.J

1

The lessons that students learn from their peers in school are to never give up in themselves. Some lessons that students learn from their peers are how to read and write better. They also learn how to work together and get along. Also they learn and take their advice so they would not make the same mistakes their peers had probably made before. Finally they learn that not everything in life is easy to get but by trying there's always a chance or

## WR1.J (continued)

more than that.

The lessons that students learn from their peers in sports are how to get better. Students learn by their peers to get better by learning how to pitch, bat, catch and run better they know that with a little bit of more practice they would be good. They also learn that to be a good player always takes time and practice. They also learn that if they want to be a professional they do not need to know just how to play good but to study as well grades always count in everything. They also learned their skills and practiced them. Finally they learn everything just takes 3 things study, practice, time.

**WR1.J (continued)**

In conclusion these are some of the lessons that students learn from their peers in school and sports in order to get better or become better at whatever they want to.

**Score Point 3**

- Response demonstrates some complex thinking
- Some relevant and meaningful details
- Organized and developed
- Vocabulary and sentence structure are appropriate for grade span

## WR1.K

1

The students can learn the lessons from their peers in school and in sports and these lessons will help the students when they grow up. The students often make a studying group or peers that includes people in a same age to study. The students also create team in sports to practice. Young people can learn many good things from these experiments to help them become successful in the future.

The peers are very important that students can learn in school. The students usually make group to study in the library or at home. That is a good thing because students can share

**WR1.K (continued)**

their ideas with their friends. Those ideas may be right or may be wrong, so their friends can help them to fix those ideas. Another example, if the students didn't pay attention in classes or they didn't understand the lessons. The peers can help them to analyze and study, so they can understand it. The student can also do their homework with the peers. They read the books together and answer the questions. They work together to complete the homework, help each other to understand, get a good grade and become successful in class. Those experiments will suppose for students can learn more when they grow up.

The peers are very important that students learn to play sports. Every students play in a team. That will make them to learn about team works. Team works are very

**WR1.K (continued)**

necessary because without team works, people never get successful. One person can not do better job than many people. The peers in the team help young people how to play. Through that, young people will learn experiments. From the team, the students have many friends. That brings a lot of fun so young people will love the life more. The peers help young people to be kind, to have fun, to learn experiments, to play in team and become successful, so it is very important.

The peers are very very necessary for young people to get achievement when they grow up. However, human can't work alone in everything because they won't learn experiments. The peers help we do better and faster. The peers are the most important things to help young people become successful in the future.

**Score Point 3**

- Response demonstrates some complex thinking
- Some relevant and meaningful details
- Some errors that do not cause confusion
- Organized and developed
- Vocabulary and sentence structure are appropriate for grade span

## WR1.L



Student can learn many important things from their peers that will help them when they grow up. Communication is <sup>a</sup> very important <sup>one</sup> and it will help you a lot in the future because when working with something, you got to learn how to communicate with each others. So when you're young, you should communicate and talk to others when you need help or can't understand something, being silent isn't just going to help you complete your goal. Sometimes when you're young you don't really know what you're doing, you always do something that you might regret doing it and this will help you be more mature in the future because you have done something wrong and you'll learn it from your mistake. Having peers

When your peers are down you will help them because in the future if one of your family member is down you will know what to do to help them. **GO ON ►**

## WR1.L (continued)

in school is very important because you both can help each other out. Going through Middle or High School you and your best friends or friends will always have up and down but in the end you'll learn that they are everything to you because they been through it with you since the beginning, so is always good to have a peeps, somebody there to help you.

In sport, team is what every student need to know <sup>and to know how</sup>. When playing the sport there's no I because in order to win to have to work as a team. Playing sport sometime can be rough and that's how it is and how you will learn it because you can't always win, losing is sad but you'll think about it and learn a lot about why you are losing. All you have to know is that you have work hard to try to achieve your goal <sup>and just keep doing all over again until you get it</sup>. When you grow up you will go through a lot of frustration and the only way you can forget about it is to work harder like you are when you playing sport. When playing sport you help each others

out because if the others failed you failed too.

## Score Point 3

- Response demonstrates some complex thinking
- Includes some relevant ideas
- Some errors which do not cause confusion
- Organized and developed
- Vocabulary and sentence structure are appropriate

## WR1.M

1

Peers are people of the same age group. Young people can learn many important things from their peers that will help them when they grow up. What are some important things that students can learn from their peers in school? What are some important things that young people can learn from their peers by playing a sport together? How can the lessons that young people learn from their peers help them when they grow up?

Students can learn from their peers many different things like how to behave properly and to become a good friend. Peers are encouraged to teach the students bad things and good things. For example in cases like drugs or abuse, the peers are already prepared in order to help the other students to understand what's right or wrong. Peers also have a bright future and

## WR1.M (continued)

the idea to understand them is just to listening what they teach us as students. The peers have good challenges and reveal information on any case and the reason why peers are more positive than other is because they don't give up and the reason why they help each other is because they want to help other not to be behind and also to prepare them on the future.

Some important things that young people can learn from their peers by playing sport together are to create and develop a physical, healthy body challenge and I think the point of view of each peer is that together and united we will never be destroyed and the goal is to support each other. Fat students don't like to do exercise because they feel fire but the peers give them animation, strength and support them every moment the student needs. Being a peer is not easy as we see, but we must be prepare and ready to help other, not other help us but to show Society how this generation can be active.

## WR1.M (continued)

Every peer teach a lesson and some young people learn from it but some doesn't learn from them but is very clearly that they (peers) show a good message, and that message have a significant on each student. Therefore, we can learn from each peer what to do in case of emergency or accident. In the future, if we pay attention to what they say, we wouldn't have difficulties on our life. We need to learn that if we don't listen to needs we would not be professional. Students learn about drugs, and we know that drugs has negative consequences, also alcohol don't guide us to the right way. Also, as students, we have to keep going and never give up because life is not fair and we have get use to it by studying and not stopping.

Young people can learn many important things from their peers that will help them when they grow up. And to keep in mind this, we, as students have to listen and understand what are some important ideas and to conclude with our own creations. Therefore, we have to learn from peers because they know what

they do and will do. A bright future will guide us to discover the new world we don't know yet.

## Score Point 4

- Response demonstrates complex thinking
- Includes relevant ideas and meaningful details
- Few errors that do not cause confusion
- Well-organized and well-developed
- Vocabulary and sentence structure are varied and appropriate