Five-Tier Writing (5TW) Assessments and Reports

NOTE: This section applies to Clever, ClassLink, and *regular* Pro-Core users.

Purpose

- Students demonstrate **both** their **writing** and **reading** skills through a written response.
- The difficulty (**Depth of Knowledge**) increases as the students think about a given theme as they progress through the assessment.
- Students learn and improve their skills as they take this assessment.
- Students gain experience that is similar to ODE writing assessments.
- Students are provided opportunities to revise/edit their written responses.
- Teachers can **learn more about their students' writing and reading skills** than they do from a multiple-choice assessment.
- Students use the **skills inherent in more than one standard** as they respond (reading AND writing).
- The provided scoring rubric allows for **holistic scoring** AND **notations of the success and weaknesses** teachers see from the student responses.
- Teachers are provided information about their students that helps them enhance future instruction.

Teacher Preview of the 5TW Assessment

The <u>teacher</u> logs-in as usual (see Section L of the Pro-Core User Manual)

From the teacher's Menu bar Assessments tab, select ...

- 1. Available Assessments
- 2. an **ELA**/Reading class,
- 3. Other
- 4. the **Tier 5 Writing** Assessment

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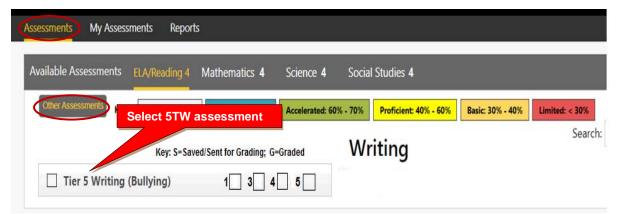
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Students Locate and Select the 5TW Assessment

Students log-in as usual (see Section P of the Pro-Core User Manual)

From the students' Menu bar Assessments tab, they select ...

- 1. Assessments
- 2. their **ELA/Reading** class
- 3. Other Assessments
- 4. the **Tier 5 Writing** Assessment



The boxes to the right of the 5TW title will show the student's progress through the activity.

<u>TIER 1</u>

Purpose

As students engage in the Tier 1 activity, they respond in writing to one of the provided prompts. They use prior knowledge (recall-DOK 1) to respond. It is through this activity that they begin thinking about the overall theme of the Five-Tier Writing Assessment.

Directions

Tier 1 provides students with three different writing prompts related to the theme of the entire Five-Tier assessment.

- Instruct the students to read all three writing prompts and to respond to the one for which they believe they have the most knowledge or experience.
- Provide the students with approximately 15 minutes to respond to the prompt in writing. They are to write their response in the box provided at the right.
- This response is NOT scored. The purpose is to get the students *THINKING* about the theme.

Below is a sample of what the students see in Tier 1.

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Write one or two paragraphs in which you explain <u>how good leadership affects the</u> <u>people being led</u> . Explain how good leadership positively affects others.	(9.9) 141						

Note that there is a **tab** for each five-tier activity with Depth of Knowledge (DOK) level listed.

When students have completed their responses in the right window, they should click "Save."

A message will show:

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When the students click "OK," they will be taken to the following information window:

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<u>TIER 2</u>

Purpose

The purpose of the Tier 2 activity is to engage students in reviewing information that can be used to support their ideas presented in future Five-Tier activities (comprehend, identify-DOK-2).

Tier 2 includes several sources that provide information about the theme of the Five Tier Writing Assessment. The information is presented in texts, videos, charts, etc. This provides students opportunities to learn the value of researching a topic to enhance their ideas/conclusions about a theme.

The Tier 2 activity is NOT scored. The purpose is to get the students *THINKING* about the theme.

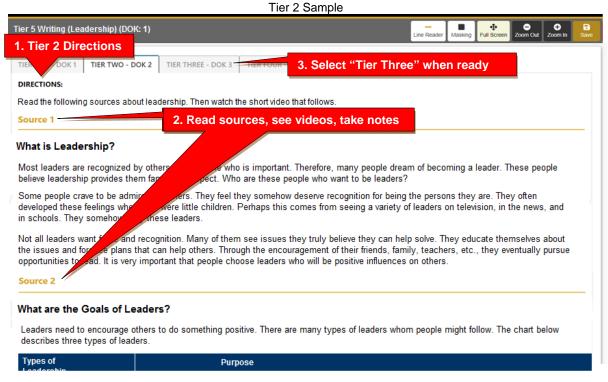
Directions

The Tier 2 activity can be administered in two different ways:

- Students may take 20-30 minutes to review the sources.
- Students may take an entire class period to review and take notes about what they learn from the sources. They can use the notes the next day as they engage in Tier Three, when they will respond to an extended writing prompt.

Ask students to think about the main ideas of each source as they view them.

Let the students know that they will be able to refer back to Tier 2 as they write an essay later in the Five-Tier activity.



TIER 3

Purpose

The purpose of the Tier 3 activity is to provide students an opportunity to write an extended response to share their knowledge about the theme of the Five-Tier activity. They will be asked to respond to a writing prompt related to the theme of the Five Tier assessment (application, analysis, synthesis-DOK 3).

Directions

Ask the students to read the prompt carefully and to look for the verbs that indicate what they need to do.

Read: Write an essay in which you <u>discuss</u> the requirements and effects of good leadership. <u>Use the information</u> from the sources in Tier Two to <u>support</u> your ideas.

<u>NOTE</u>: By locating the verbs within the above writing prompt, the students learn that they are to "discuss" the theme, "use information" to "support" their ideas.

Tell the students to do their writing in the box provided at the bottom of the page. Tell them that if they get to the bottom of the box, it will get larger to accommodate their writing.

It is recommended that you read aloud the criteria of a well-written informational response, which is below the prompt to remind them of how it will be scored.

Your writing will be scored on how well you:

- Clearly state the topic,
- Organize your essay with a clear beginning, middle, and conclusion,
- Develop the topic with facts, details, and relevant evidence from the passages,
- Include linking words, phrases, and clauses to clarify relationships between ideas in the essay, and
- Maintain a formal style.

Most students need 20-40 minutes to complete the extended writing response. This depends on the level of students and the difficulty of the topic. For this reason, many educators take two class periods to complete a Five-Tier writing activity.

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When students have completed their essay, they should click "**Send (Score**)." A message will show:



Selecting "End Test," the student will see an information window that shows the essay has been sent to the teacher.



In the <u>student's</u> **Other Assessments** window, the 5TW assessment will show the status of the assessments **S**aved or **S**ent to the teacher and/or scored (**G**raded) by the teacher.

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Writing scores are available to the student in the student's Report Card (later below).

The Teacher Locates the Tier Three Writing for Grading

The <u>teacher</u> logs-in as usual (see Section J of the Pro-Core User Manual)

From the teacher's Menu bar **Reports** tab, select ...

- 1. Writing Evaluation
- 2. Writing Needs Grading
- 3. Select the ELA Reading class, and
- 4. Click "Submit."

The 5TW title will appear along with the selected class list of students.

The tier 1 writing will show a *checkmark* if the student has saved it. A tier with a "**Y**" needs grading. To score each student's essay, click the "**Y**" under the tier#, and it will take you to the student's response.

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Tier 5 Writing (Bullying)	Douglas Brown	м	10	09/24/21 21:5	9	~	✓	Υ	_	Close

The first response you see will be the student's response to "Tier 1." Tier 1 will <u>not</u> be <i>scored. You may *lock* the student activity at any time by clicking the **Close** *button.* The button will change to **Open** if you wish to re-open the activity.

Grading the Tier 3 Essay

The Tier Three written responses should be scored holistically. A score of 0-4 is given based on the criteria within the rubric that is included within the teacher's view of the response.

When you click on the "Tier Three" tab, the Pro-Core rubric will appear on the left.

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Tier 3 Scoring Page Sample

1. Once you have determined the score of the response, <u>click on that Score on the rubric</u>.

<u>Note</u>: Many essays may appear to be between two score points. When this happens, assign the score in which the essay mostly falls.

- 2. Select the essay Strengths and Weaknesses.
- 3. You may add <u>Teacher Comments</u> if you wish.
- 4. Click the "Send (Student)" button to save and submit the student's score.

The following message will appear:



The Scoring Page Rubrics (see also above)

Below are the available rubrics categories and scores for Tier Three. Written responses should be scored holistically. A score of 0-4 is given based on the criteria within the rubric.

4 Effective	 The writing <u>clearly</u> introduces the topic and fully develops relevant facts,concrete details, and precisereferences to sources. purposefully and logically organizes ideas, including a satisfying introduction and conclusion. uses effective transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts. maintains a formal writing style, includes a variety of sentence types, and contains few, if any errors in the conventions of written English.
3 Adequate	 The writing <u>adequately</u> introduces the topic and adequately uses relevant facts, details, and generalreferences to sources to develop ideas. provides a general progression of ideas, including an adequate introduction and conclusion. usesadequate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts. mostly uses a formal writing style; includes some sentence variety; contains few errors in the conventions of written English; errors do not cause confusion.
2 Partial	 The writing partially introduces the topic and uses some facts, details, and references to sources to develop ideas. partially organizes ideas; includes a brief introduction and/or conclusion; uses some transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts. partially uses aformal writing style; includesfew sentence types; contains many errors in the conventions of written English; errors may cause confusion.
1 Minimal	 The writing <u>minimally</u> introduces the topic and uses few facts, details, and references to sources to develop ideas. minimally organizes ideas; includes a limited introduction or conclusion. may lack transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts. uses an inconsistent writing style; lacks consistent control at the sentence level; may contains several errors in the conventions of written English; errors may cause confusion.

	The writing fails to introduce the topic and
	 fails to use facts, details, and references to sources to develop ideas.
0 No Credit	 fails to organize ideas and lacks an introduction and conclusion. fails to use transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts. fails to use a formal writing style; lacks control at the sentence level; contains many serious errors in the conventions of written English; most errors cause
	confusion.

These options are listed at the bottom of the rubric.

OFF TOPIC	Fails to address topic at all	Mostly Copied	Most of the essay is copied from the passages	Blank	No response is given
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When reading a response, an overall **strength or weakness** of the response may be obvious. When this happens, the teacher can check of the appropriate box which is located at the end of the rubric. Check off as many boxes that are appropriate. (*see below*)

ESSAY STRENGTHS	ESSAY WEAKNESSES
Development	Development
Organization	Organization
Use of Transitions	Use of Transitions
Writing Style	Writing Style
Conventions of Written English	Conventions of Written English

At the end of the Five-Tier assessment, the number of boxes checked will be on the teachers Writing Report. This information is valuable in that it can be used to enhance instruction.

The Teacher's Extended Writing Report

The <u>teacher</u> logs-in as usual (see Section J of the Pro-Core User Manual)

From the teacher's Menu bar **Reports** tab, select ...

- 1. Writing Evaluation
- 2. Extended Response Report
- 3. the ELA Reading class
- 4. the 5TW topic, and
- 5. Click "Generate Report."

The 5TW title will appear along with the selected class list of students.

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Teacher class totals are shown at the bottom of the class report.

Score(s)

TIER 4

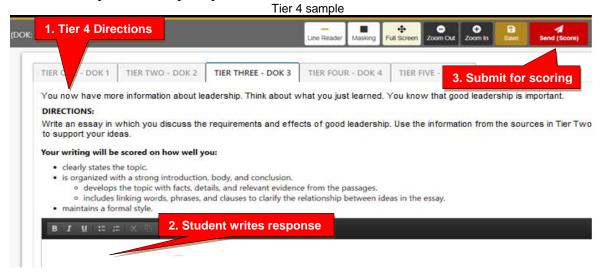
Teacher Comments:

Purpose

The purpose of the Tier 4 activity is for students to draw conclusions and analyze what they learned about the topic. To be successful, they must synthesize the information into a plausible conclusion (analysis, draw conclusions-DOK 3) about what they have learned about the topic.

Directions

Ask the students to read the prompt carefully and to look for the verbs that indicate what they need to do—as they did for the Tier Three prompt). They should be given approximately ten minutes to respond to this prompt.



When students have completed their response, they should click "**Send (Score**)." As in Tier 3, a message will show that the writing has been sent to the teacher. (*see page N-5f. above*)

Locating and Grading the Tier 4 Responses

The procedure for finding and scoring the Tier 4 response is the same for the teacher as shown in Tier 3. (*see page N-6f. above*)

Exam Title	Student Name	Gender	Grade	Last Submitted Date	71	Tie	er 4	5	
Tier 5 Writing (Leadership)	James Brown	м	7	09/20/21 19:21	\checkmark	\checkmark	Y		Close

If the student has submitted a response, a "**Y**" will show under Tier 4. Clicking on the **Y** will take you to the student's response under the Tier Four tab.

The scoring guide/rubric will appear to the left of the student's response. Click on the response's score on the rubric as you did in Tier 3. (*see page N-7f. above*)

Below are the available rubrics categories and scores for Tier 4. Written responses should be scored holistically. A score of 0-2 is given based on the criteria within the rubric.

Tier 4 Scoring Guide

SCORE POINT 2

Accurately responds to the prompt. Effectively supports ideas with relevant examples/details.

SCORE POINT 1

Provides minimal statements related to the prompt. **Fails to** support ideas with relevant examples/details.

SCORE POINT 0

Fails to provide, or partially provides statements related to the prompt. **Fails to** support ideas with relevant examples/details.

TIER 5

Purpose

The purpose of the Tier 5 activity is for students synthesize what they learned into a paragraph about how the writing process used in the Five Tier activities can be used the next time they write an informational or argumentative essay. *To be successful, they must evaluate the value of the steps taken to help them produce a writing response* (evaluate-DOK 4).

Directions

Ask the students to read the prompt carefully and to look for the verbs that indicate what they need to do—as they did for the Tier Four prompt. They should be given approximately 10-15 minutes to respond to this prompt.

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When students have completed their response, they should click "**Send** (**Score**)." As in Tier 3, a message will show that the writing has been sent to the teacher. (*see page N-5f. above*)

Locating and Grading the Tier 5 Responses

The procedure for finding and scoring the Tier 5 response is the same for the teacher as shown in Tier 3. (*see page N-6f. above*)

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If the student has submitted a response, a "**Y**" will show under Tier 5. Clicking on the **Y** will take you to the student's response under the Tier Five tab.

The scoring guide/rubric will appear to the left of the student's response. Click on the response's score on the rubric as you did in Tier 3. (*see page N-7f. above*)

Below are the available rubrics categories and scores for Tier 5. Written responses should be scored holistically. A score of 0-2 is given based on the criteria within the rubric.

Tier 5 Scoring Guide

SCORE POINT 2

Accurately responds to the prompt. Effectively supports ideas with relevant examples/details.

SCORE POINT 1

Provides minimal statements related to the prompt. **Fails to** support ideas with relevant examples/details.

SCORE POINT 0

Fails to provide, or partially provides statements related to the prompt. **Fails to** support ideas with relevant examples/details.

Ending the 5TW Assessment Activity

You may *end* the 5TW student activity at any time by clicking the **Close** *button*. This will prevent students from changing their final response after it has been scored. The button will change to **Open** if you wish to re-open the activity.

The Student's Report Card (Writing)

Students log-in as usual (see Section P of the Pro-Core User Manual)

From the students' Menu bar **Reports** tab, they select ...

- 1. Report Card
- 2. their ELA/Reading class
- 3. Writing
- 4. Click "Generate Report."

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T3 Teacher Comment:					

The student report card shows the status and/or scores in each tier.

Suggested Extended DOK 4 Activities

Students are put into group, and each group is given a task that relates to the theme of the Five-Tier activity. The groups are asked to perform any one of the following tasks:

- Create a poster that includes one word and a sentence that expresses the main idea of the theme. They MUST do further research about the theme, and they should add two or three sentences at the bottom of the poster that relates to the **new** information they found. The poster should include at least ONE visual. The purpose of the poster would be to educate others about the theme.
- Conduct a survey about the theme that includes four or five questions. Survey approximately 25 students who are not in the class. They can record or video tape it, or they can hand a paper copy to the students and ask them to respond in writing. Then, have the group create a chart or graph that shows the responses. Then, they should report their findings and their conclusions to the class.
- Create a talk show in which they 1) research the theme for new information, 2) stage a make-believe talk show in which there is a host and two or three guests, 3) interview the guests about the theme, 4) draw conclusions about what they heard during their interviews. The talk show could be performed in front of the class.
- Make a video that includes students as they respond to the theme. The group must do <u>further</u> research to discover **new** information about the theme. This information should be addressed in the video. The group should assume the audience would be other students. Its goal would be to educate others about the theme.
- Locate three or four new pieces of information about the theme from further research. Have each person present one of the new findings to the rest of the class. Each presenter must create a visual (a chart, poster, etc.) to support their ideas.

Future Five-Tiered Writing Assessments in Development

In the future, Pro-Core will provide more five-tiered writing assessments in English-language arts, social studies, and other disciplines. The assessments will vary according to theme and/or content.

In English-language arts, there will be two types of five-tiered writing assessments. One will ask students to write informational pieces, and the other one will ask students to write argumentative pieces.

In social studies, the passages will focus on various content areas covered during instruction.

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