

Writing Test

Directions: Read through the prompt and complete the Task based on our current studies of economics and the State of the Union address from Feb. 12, 2013. Be sure to use ALL of the required economics terms in your writing and underline them! Also, be sure to make references, both paraphrasing and a few direct quotes, from the State of the Union address .

Writing Prompt:

In his 2013 State of the Union address, President Obama outlined several plans and proposals for reducing the deficit and fostering economic equality. He highlighted the notion of a “basic bargain that built this country”; one that he believes must be restored to support a “thriving middle class”. President Obama also made it clear that there is unfinished work ahead and that the American people must be prepared to ask themselves questions that they will have to answer in order to move forward.

Task:

Look at your answer to **Question #4**.

Based on those three daily questions evaluate how President Obama’s economic proposals would answer those questions.

Choose two of the following areas to show how Obama’s proposals would answer the 3 daily questions:

- Manufacturing and jobs
- Energy and climate
- Infrastructure
- Housing
- Education
- Increasing Minimum Wage

In your response you **MUST** use the following economics terms and you need to underline them:

- Producer
- Consumer
- Value
- Worth
- Opportunity Cost (bonus! You are not required, but it will earn you bonus points if you can use it correctly!)

Organize your writing in the following way:

Paragraph 1: Introduction (introduce the two areas you will focus on in your writing)

Paragraph 2: Write about how Obama’s proposals in area 1 will answer the 3 daily questions

Paragraph 3: Write about how Obama’s proposals in area 2 will answer the 3 daily questions

Paragraph 4: Conclusion (summarize the main ideas)

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