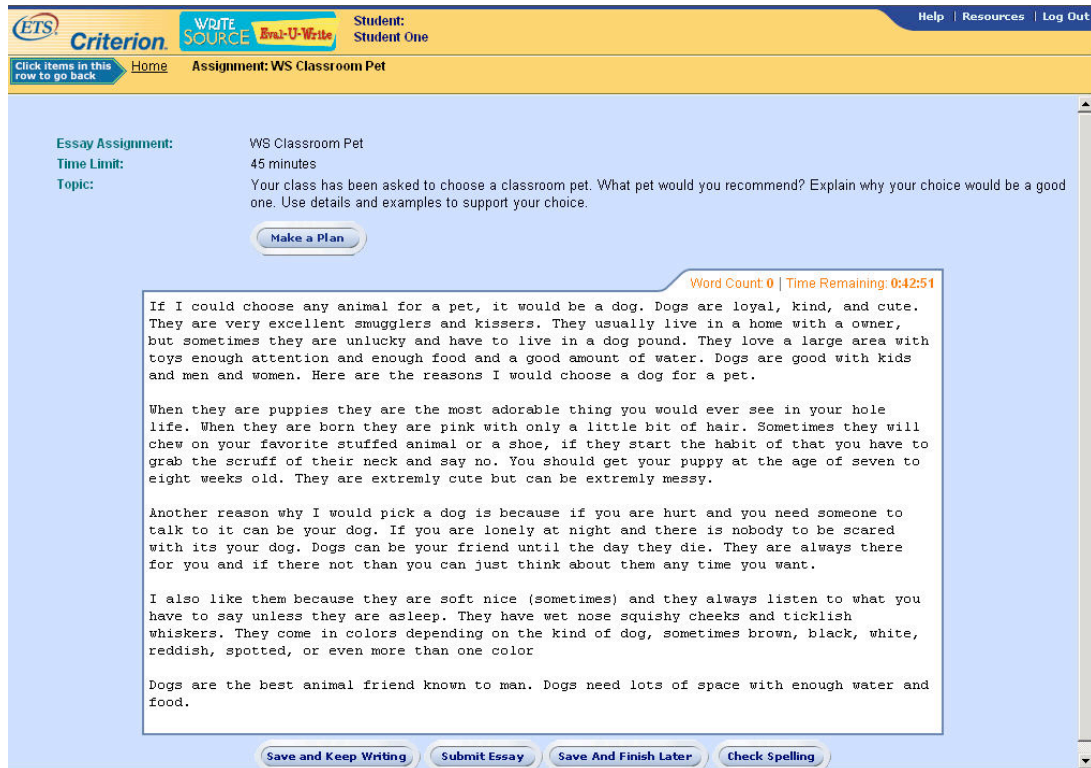


Frequently Asked Questions-Full Version

How can the Write Source Eval-U-Write help students?

Write Source Eval-U-Write gives students valuable, risk-free, self-paced writing practice and provides instant holistic scores and annotated diagnostic feedback on their essay. Students are motivated with unlimited opportunities to work either independently or collaboratively with instructors and peers — without waiting for teachers to mark their essay.



The screenshot shows the Write Source Eval-U-Write interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ETS Criterion logo, the Write Source Eval-U-Write logo, and the student information 'Student: Student One'. There are links for 'Help', 'Resources', and 'Log Out'. Below the navigation bar, there is a yellow bar with 'Click items in this row to go back' and a 'Home' button. The main content area is titled 'Assignment: WS Classroom Pet'. It displays the following information:

- Essay Assignment:** WS Classroom Pet
- Time Limit:** 45 minutes
- Topic:** Your class has been asked to choose a classroom pet. What pet would you recommend? Explain why your choice would be a good one. Use details and examples to support your choice.

Below the topic information is a 'Make a Plan' button. The main writing area contains a text box with the following text:

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If I could choose any animal for a pet, it would be a dog. Dogs are loyal, kind, and cute. They are very excellent smugglers and kissers. They usually live in a home with a owner, but sometimes they are unlucky and have to live in a dog pound. They love a large area with toys enough attention and enough food and a good amount of water. Dogs are good with kids and men and women. Here are the reasons I would choose a dog for a pet.

When they are puppies they are the most adorable thing you would ever see in your hole life. When they are born they are pink with only a little bit of hair. Sometimes they will chew on your favorite stuffed animal or a shoe, if they start the habit of that you have to grab the scruff of their neck and say no. You should get your puppy at the age of seven to eight weeks old. They are extremely cute but can be extremely messy.

Another reason why I would pick a dog is because if you are hurt and you need someone to talk to it can be your dog. If you are lonely at night and there is nobody to be scared with its your dog. Dogs can be your friend until the day they die. They are always there for you and if there not than you can just think about them any time you want.

I also like them because they are soft nice (sometimes) and they always listen to what you have to say unless they are asleep. They have wet nose squishy cheeks and ticklish whiskers. They come in colors depending on the kind of dog, sometimes brown, black, white, reddish, spotted, or even more than one color

Dogs are the best animal friend known to man. Dogs need lots of space with enough water and food.

At the bottom of the writing area, there are four buttons: 'Save and Keep Writing', 'Submit Essay', 'Save And Finish Later', and 'Check Spelling'.



Will the use of the Write Source Eval-U-Write stifle creative writing among students?

No. It is designed to evaluate a different style of writing from creative writing. In a test environment, students tend to write more straightforward essays and they understand that they are not being assessed on their creative writing abilities.

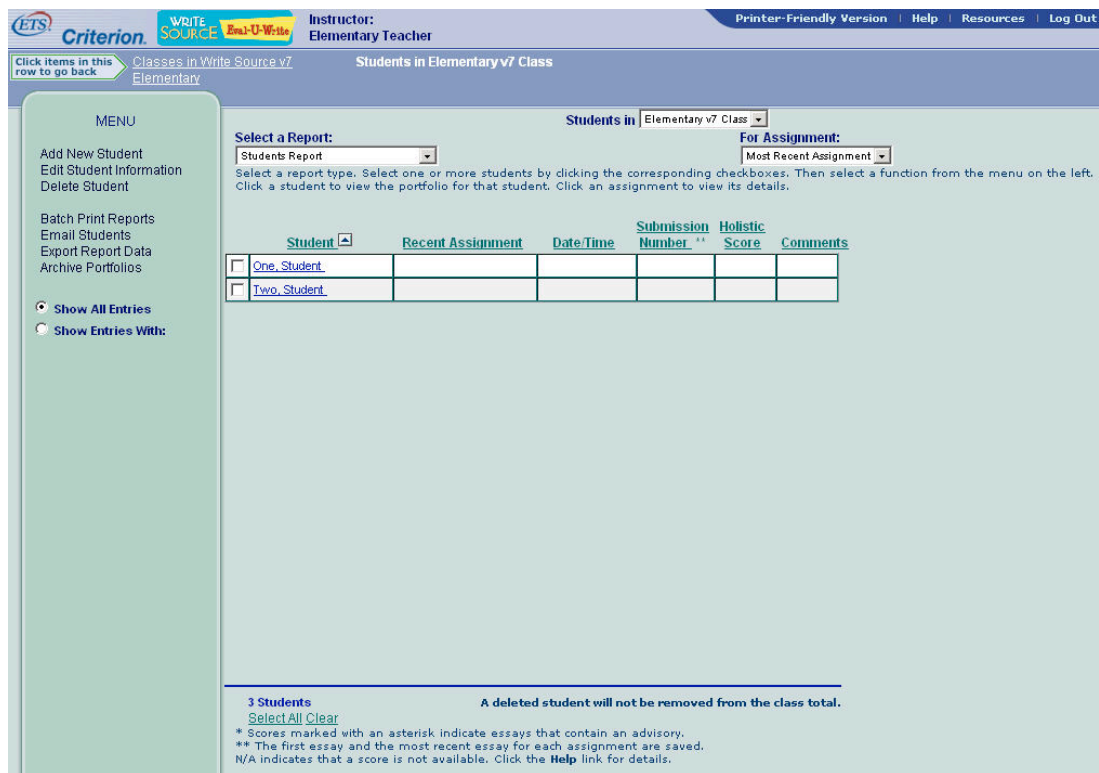
Will Write Source Eval-U-Write catch cheating or plagiarism?

No. It simply evaluates the essay. It is the instructor's responsibility to ascertain that students have submitted their own work.

Instructors can opt to display sample essays on the **Create Assignment screen**. Students can then view the samples and refer to them while they write their own essays. The sample essays are in a read-only format and cannot be copied, cut, and pasted into another document.

What information does the Write Source Eval-U-Write service report to teachers?

Teachers have easy and secure access to each student's portfolio of essays, diagnostic reports, and scores. The student's first-attempt essay and the most recent saved essay are included in the portfolio. In addition, teachers can view a summary of the entire class' performance and scores.



Can instructors limit what the student receives for feedback?

Yes. Instructors can select what, if any, feedback the students receive on each assignment.

What are the Criterion Writer's Handbooks?

The *Criterion* Writer's Handbooks are handy online resource tools. Students can find feedback definitions, examples of correct and incorrect usage, and an explanation of how to interpret the feedback. Students can access the handbook when they are reviewing their diagnostic feedback or portfolios.

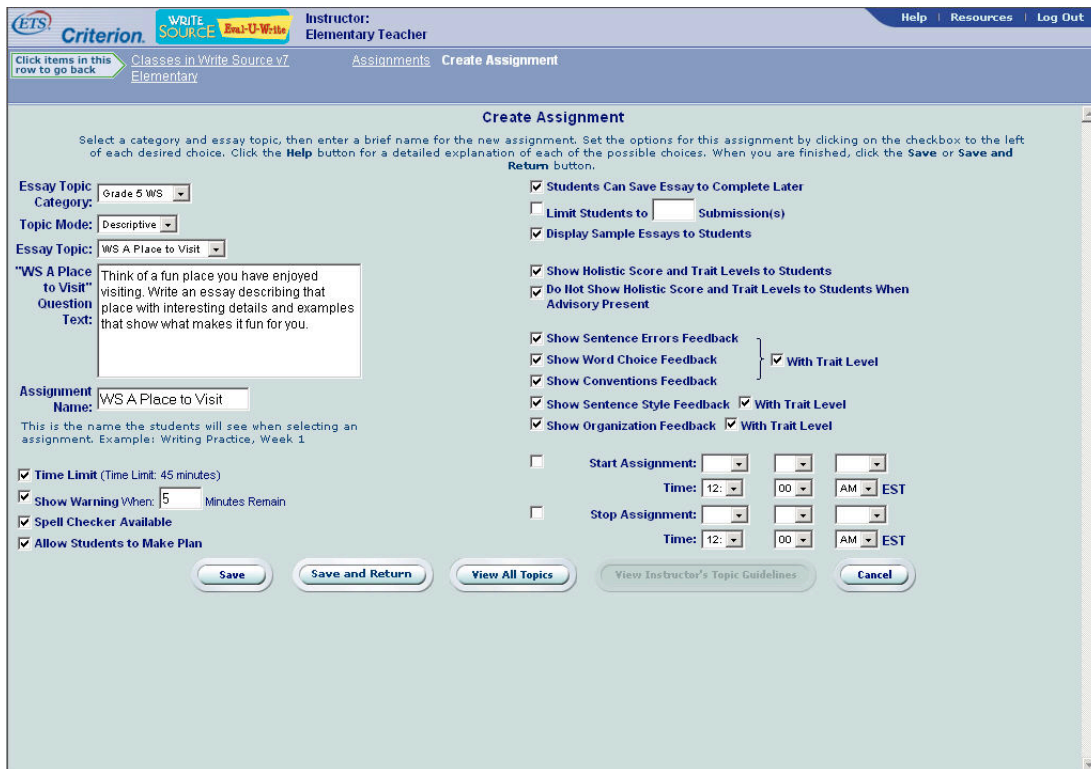


Does the *Criterion* service discriminate against students who may be bright but who may not have mastered standard English, e.g., minorities and ESL students?

No. *Write Source Eval-U-Write* is blind to race, sex, national origin, and personal history.

Can instructors limit access to assignments?

Yes. Instructors have options when setting up the assignment. For example, they may set restrictions on the number of drafts and revisions that students may submit for an assignment. And instructors can make the assignment available for a certain time period.



Can instructors limit their students' access to scores and diagnostic feedback?

Yes. Instructors can choose what, if any, of the diagnostic feedback the students receive on each assignment. They may also opt to show or hide the holistic score.

Instructors can select options by trait area when setting up a new assignment, e.g., ALL trait feedback will be reported to the student, SOME trait feedback will be reported, or NONE will be reported.

Must students be connected to the Internet to use the *Criterion* service?

Although *Write Source Eval-U-Write* is an online service, students can compose their essays offline using any word processing application. They then can cut and paste their work into the essay submission box after they log on to the site. Receipt of scores and diagnostic feedback for essays require an Internet connection.

What are the minimum technical requirements in order to access the *Criterion* site?

The *Criterion* service requires only an Internet connection and a web browser and is both PC and Mac compatible.

For PC users: Internet Explorer (IE) 5.5 and 6.0; Netscape 6.1, 7.2; Firefox 1.0.1.

For PC Linux users: Novell Linux Desktop 9; Linspire 5.0 - browsers Firefox v1.x; Netscape v7.x

For Mac users: PowerMac G3/G4/G5, OS 9.2, 10.1, or 10.2, using Internet Explorer (IE) 5.2 or Netscape 7.1 or higher; Firefox 1.0.1; Safari 1.2.4 or 1.3 (compatible only with Mac OS X, not OS 9).