

PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMIC STANDARDS CATEGORIES FOR READING, WRITING, SPEAKING, LISTENING

Standards Assessed on the PSSA Writing Assessment*

- 1.1** Learning to Read Independently
Purposes for Reading
Word Recognition Skills
Vocabulary Development
Comprehension and Interpretation
Fluency
- 1.2** Reading Critically in All Content Areas
Detail
Inferences
Fact from Opinion
Comparison
Analysis and Evaluation
- 1.3** Reading, Analyzing and Interpreting Literature
Purposes for Reading
Word Recognition Skills
Vocabulary Development
Comprehension and Interpretation
Fluency
- 1.4** Types of Writing
Narrative
Informational
Persuasive
- 1.5** Quality of Writing
Focus
Content
Organization
Style
Conventions
- 1.6** Speaking and Listening
Listening Skills
Speaking Skills
Discussion
Presentation
- 1.7** Characteristics and Function of the English Language
Word Origins
Variations
Application
- 1.8** Research
Selection
Location of Information
Organization

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