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Responses to the optional SAT Essay are scored using a carefully designed process.

- Two different people will read and score your essay.
- Each scorer awards 1–4 points for each dimension: reading, analysis, and writing.
- The two scores for each dimension are added.
- You'll receive three scores for the SAT Essay—one for each dimension—ranging from 2–8 points.

We train every scorer to hold every student to the same standards, the ones shown here. [Learn more about the new SAT Essay. \(/sat/inside-the-test/essay\)](#)

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