

Shakespeare Authorship Argumentative Performance Task

Honors English II
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Part 2

Directions: You will review your sources, take notes, and plan, draft, revise and edit a multi-paragraph letter with business letter format to the Royal Shakespeare Society that argues either in support of or in opposition to the idea that Shakespeare was the author of his own works. Make sure to address potential counterarguments in your letter and support your view with information from the sources you have examined. You may use word-processing tools, grammar and spell check.

Here is the address of the Royal Shakespeare Society:

Royal Shakespeare Society
321 Iago's Winding Way
Stratford, U.K. 11101

Argumentative Letter Scoring:

Your letter will be scored based on the following criteria:

1. **Statement of claim and organization:** How well did you state your claim, address opposing claims, and maintain your claim with a logical progression of ideas from beginning to end? How well did your ideas thoughtfully flow from beginning to end using effective transitions? How effective was your introduction and conclusion?
2. **Elaboration/evidence:** How well did you integrate relevant and specific information from the sources? How well did you elaborate your ideas? How well did you clearly state ideas using precise language that is appropriate for your audience and purpose?
3. **Conventions:** How well did you follow the rules of grammar usage, business letter format, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling?