

Guidelines for Annotators

Each annotator must evaluate an ENTIRE set of essays, based on a set of given attributes. The rating scale for each is dependent on each essay. Here are the properties of the essays:

Prompt ID	Average Word Length	Number of Essays
Prompt 1	366	1783
Prompt 2	381	1800
Prompt 3	109	1726
Prompt 4	94	1772
Prompt 5	122	1805
Prompt 6	153	1800

Each prompt will be divided into sets of 100 each. It is recommended that you finish each set in at most a week, for prompts 1 & 2, and about 3 days for the other 4 prompts.

Topics

Prompt 1

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about how computers affect society today.

Prompt 2

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about censorship in libraries

Prompt 3

Write a review about an article called *Rough Rough Road* by Joe Kurmaskie. The article will be provided.

Prompt 4

Explain why the author concludes the story the way the author did. The short story will be provided.

Prompt 5

Describe the mood created by the author in the memoir. Support your answer with relevant and specific information from the memoir.

Prompt 6

Describe the difficulties that builders of the Empire State Building faced because of allowing dirigibles to dock there.

Anonymization

All the essays are anonymized. This means that the named entities (people, places, dates, times, organizations, etc.) are replaced by placeholders (Eg. @NAME1, @LOCATION1, etc.). In addition to this, capitalized phrases are anonymized as @CAP1, @CAP2, etc. These anonymizations should not affect your scoring. You are free to replace the anonymizations with any placeholders.