



# Missouri

## End-of-Course Assessment

**English II**

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## Directions to the Student

Now you will write a paper in response to a writing prompt. First, read the prompt in the box below.

Using the separate paper given to you, spend a short amount of time for pre-writing activities (such as brainstorming, listing, free writing, clustering, mapping, or drawing).

After you finish your prewriting activity, write your paper in your test book. Look back at your prewriting activity for ideas.

## Writing Prompt

**Think of a career path you may choose as an adult. Write a business letter to an employer or a person working in that career field clearly explaining your interest in a job in the field, your future goals, and your reasons for believing you would be a strong candidate for a job.**

### Directions to the Student

After you finish your prewriting activity, write your paper in the space provided. You may use a standard dictionary, thesaurus, or grammar handbook to check your paper for correctness.

Please refer to the writer's checklist as you are writing your response to the prompt.

### Writer's Checklist

- My paper has an effective beginning, middle, and end.
- My paper includes effective use of paragraphing.
- My paper stays on the topic.
- My paper flows smoothly from one idea to another.
- My paper contains a strong controlling idea.
- My paper includes specific and relevant details, reasons, and examples.
- My paper uses precise and vivid language.
- My paper contains sentences that are clear and varied in structure.
- My paper includes correct grammar/usage, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.











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