



Saint Louis Public Schools
Missouri Seal of Biliteracy
Sociocultural Competency Essay



Select your essay topic from the list below:

- The relationship between identity and language
- Benefits of bilingualism
- The future of bilingualism
- Cognitive benefits of bilingualism

Your essay should be written in English and

- Include introduction of your ideas, detailed presentation of your ideas with supporting evidence and conclusion
- Be free of punctuation and spelling errors
- Cite sources of your evidence

Criteria	Does not meet expectations	Meets Expectations for the Seal of Biliteracy	Meets Expectations for the Distinguished Seal of Biliteracy
Express Personal Perspective	Does not express a clear personal perspective on the selected topic	Expresses a clear personal perspective on the selected topic	Expresses and justifies a clear personal perspective on the selected topic and explains in detail factors that the influences on that perspective
Explain Perspective of Others	Does not provide a clear summary reflecting the views of other people on the selected topic	Summarizes views of other people on the identified topic	Summarizes and explains the views of other people on the selected topic and distinguishes it from one's own
Understand Contexts	Does not make a connection to a contextual factor (knowledge, technology, resources, etc.)	Makes a connection to a contextual factor (knowledge, technology, resources, etc.) and explains its impact on the selected topic	Provides a complex interpretation of how different contexts such as knowledge, technology, resources, etc. influence perspectives on the selected topic

*Adapted from the Asia Society Rubric for Global Citizenship