

**2006 North Carolina NCEXTEND2 Writing Assessment Grade 7**

A school committee is creating a mural (wall painting) that will feature students' favorite book or movie characters. Only a limited number of characters can be included. Each student has been asked to nominate a character from a book or a movie.

Select a character to be featured as part of the mural and write a letter to the school committee justifying your selection.

As you write your letter to the committee, remember to

- Focus on a character and justify your selection.
- Choose words that are well suited to the purpose, audience, and context of your letter.
- Organize your letter so that your ideas progress logically.
- Include relevant details that clearly develop your letter.
- Edit your letter for standard grammar and language usage.

Use the blank sheet of paper given to you by your teacher to plan your letter. Anything you write on the blank sheet will not be scored. You must write the final copy of your letter on pages 3 and 4 of your test booklet.

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