

1. Is there any cost associated with using CPR?

CPR has been developed as part of a National Science Foundation grant through the molecular science department at UCLA. It is available free of charge for teachers and students.

2. What are the minimal technical requirements for CPR?

For computers to run CPR, they must conform to minimum technical requirements which are:

- **Internet Connection** - Users must have access to a computer that has an Internet connection.
- **Internet Browser** - Users must use either Internet Explorer 4 or higher (recommended) or Netscape Navigator 4 or higher. Other Web browsers may work, but are not supported. Firefox appears to be compatible.
- **Cookies Enabled** - Users must have cookies enabled in their Web browser.

3. Can students complete CPR assignments at home, or will they need access to the school computer lab to complete their work?

While some teachers use CPR for homework assignments, many teachers find it easier to use CPR in class where support can be provided as needed.

4. I am not very comfortable with technology. What will I need to do to ensure that my students have a successful experience with CPR?

The CSU strives to make the CPR tool as easy to use as possible for all English high school teachers. After you register on the CSU English Success Website you will be contacted by a CSU writing instructor who will provide CPR support. The CSU writing instructor will create login accounts for you and your students and will collaborate with you to set up the deadlines for your assignment.

5. What are assignment deadlines, and why are they necessary?

A fundamental component of CPR is the peer review process by which students evaluate their colleagues' essays. To ensure that all student work is evaluated, CPR assignments must have the following deadlines:

- Assignment start date and time

- Text entry submission date and time
- Assignment end date and time

6. What type of time commitment do I need to make to use CPR with my students?

You should allow 3.5 hours to conduct a CPR assignment with your students. This work typically takes place over several days and consists of the following:

- 45 minutes – introduction to CPR and activating accounts
- 45 minutes – essay writing (text entry)
- 45 minutes – calibrations
- 45 minutes – peer reviews and self-assessment
- 30 minutes – assignment review

7. How many assignments are available in CPR to help students prepare for the EPT?

There are currently three retired EPT essay prompts available in CPR.

8. What are the retired essay prompts that are currently available?

**Essay Prompt 1:**

In a recent editorial essay, a working mother of four laments being made to feel guilty for not "being there" every minute for her children. She notes, "The school nurse has taken me to task for not being immediately accessible, and my kids--who live in a world where instant gratification has become the norm--complain about my intermittent unreachability. To which I say, hey, deal with it. I'm not cavalier about my mothering responsibilities.... I'm an involved parent. We modern moms and dads are not only expected to make sure our kids are perfectly nourished, endlessly enriched, and absolutely safe at all times: now, with cell phones and pagers, we are also supposed to be instantly reachable and immediately responsive.... We cannot and should not orchestrate every moment in our children's lives for them--partly because the effort turns out to be futile, but more importantly because it prevents our kids from learning skills they need to succeed in the real world. There are times they need to ad lib. There are times they need to wait. There are even times they need to turn to someone else."

Explain the author's argument and discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with her views. Support your position by

referring to the passage and by providing reasons and examples from your own experience, observations, or reading.

**Essay Prompt 2:**

"It is painfully apparent today that millions of Americans who would never think of themselves as lawbreakers, let alone criminals, are taking increasing liberties with all sorts of 'minor' laws that are nonetheless designed to protect and nourish society. When it comes to tax codes, or laws against littering or speeding or noise pollution, more and more ordinary citizens are becoming scofflaws [people who casually break the law]. The slogan of the day seems to be, 'You're a fool if you obey the rules.' Americans are used to thinking that law-and-order is threatened mainly by violent crime. But the foundations of social order are more profoundly shaken when ordinary law-abiding citizens take to skirting the law."

---Adapted from Frank Trippett's "A Red Light for Scofflaws"

Explain Trippett's argument and discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with his analysis. Support your position, providing reasons and examples from your own experience, observations, or reading.

**Essay Prompt 3:**

"Recently, major tobacco companies agreed to pay a financial settlement to several states, including California, for health problems caused by cigarette smoking and other kinds of tobacco addiction. If this course of action is right for tobacco companies, then manufacturers of other legal but harmful products such as alcohol and guns should also have to pay financial settlements in return for the problems they cause."

--Irving Coffman

Explain Coffman's argument and discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with his analysis. Support your position, providing reasons and examples from your own experience, observations, or reading.

9. I'm convinced that CPR would benefit my students. What should I do next to get started?

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