Sample GKT Essay Prompts

Advantages vs. Disadvantages

1. Evaluate different assessments teachers can use to make decisions in their classrooms (formative and summative).
2. Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages to online college courses.
3. Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages to installing vending machines on school campuses.
4. Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages to taking remedial math in college.
5. Evaluate the benefits and challenges to the government imposing a tax on sugary drinks.
6. Evaluate the costs and benefits to wellness programs in the workplace.
7. Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages to requiring students to take a foreign language as a graduation requirement.
8. Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages to choosing a major before entering college.

Claim-Based Prompts

1. According to the US Labor Department, there is a teacher shortage in the areas of language arts, math, and science. Explain what might be contributing to this shortage.
2. The population in public schools across the United States has become more diverse than ever before. Evaluate different strategies teachers can use to meet the needs of a diverse student population.
3. Teachers must use assessments to measure student success and to make decisions in the classroom. Evaluate types of assessments teachers can use to make effective decisions in their classrooms.