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The writing portion of the test is awful. It awards pat phrase answers and penalizes emotive thinking. I palpably noticed the difference in the way writing was taught to my daughters who were in 4th grade in 2012 and 2013, respectively. The difference was one was pre-knowledge of the new common core testing, the other was post-knowledge. It was a big setback in the way writing was taught. A "get in-get out" mentality to writing is not a good one.