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**“Q&A: Researcher Explains Options for Near-extinct Isle Royale Wolves”  
Writing Assessment**

**Directions:**

- Read text #5A, “Q&A: Researcher Explains Options for Near-extinct Isle Royale Wolves.”
- The Isle Royale wolves may be on the verge of extinction. Scientists have been discussing whether or not to intervene with nature and rescue the wolf population now or restore the population after extinction. What do you think should be done? What are some of the challenges facing the wolf population on Isle Royale National Park? Write an essay that states several of the challenges faced by the wolves and whether or not you think scientists should intervene and save the wolves on Isle Royale National Park from extinction.
- In the introduction to your essay, write a claim stating what you think should be done.
- Be sure to list challenges that the wolves are facing on the island and whether or not you think that the scientists should intervene with those challenges.
- List evidence from the text to support your inference/claim.
- Write as much as you can, as quickly as you can. You may use several sheets of loose-leaf paper.
- In your writing, make sure you:
  - Write your inference/claim in your introduction.
  - Use transition words to start new paragraphs and to introduce new examples from the text.
  - Give at several examples from the text as your evidence to support your inference/claim.
  - Use statements such as, “I know this because in paragraph \_\_\_ it states,…”
  - Write a conclusion.
- Check your writing for:
  - spelling
  - capitalization of proper nouns
  - capitalization of the beginning of sentences
  - punctuation
  - indentation of each new paragraph
  - interesting word choice
  - See the rubric for more details of expectations.