A Student's Guide to Beginning *Criterion*®

You're on your way to becoming a better writer!

What does it take to become a better writer?

Practice! Practice! Practice!

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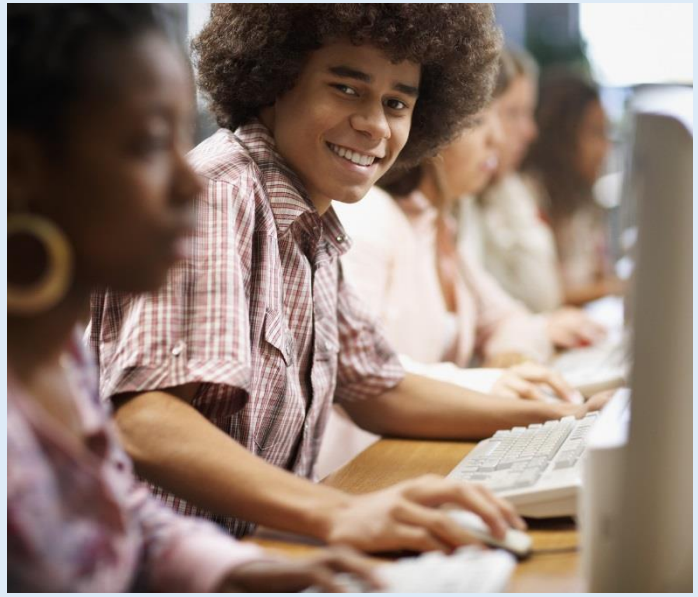
Criterion® Provides

Pre-Writing Templates

Sample Essays

Immediate Feedback

Online Portfolio



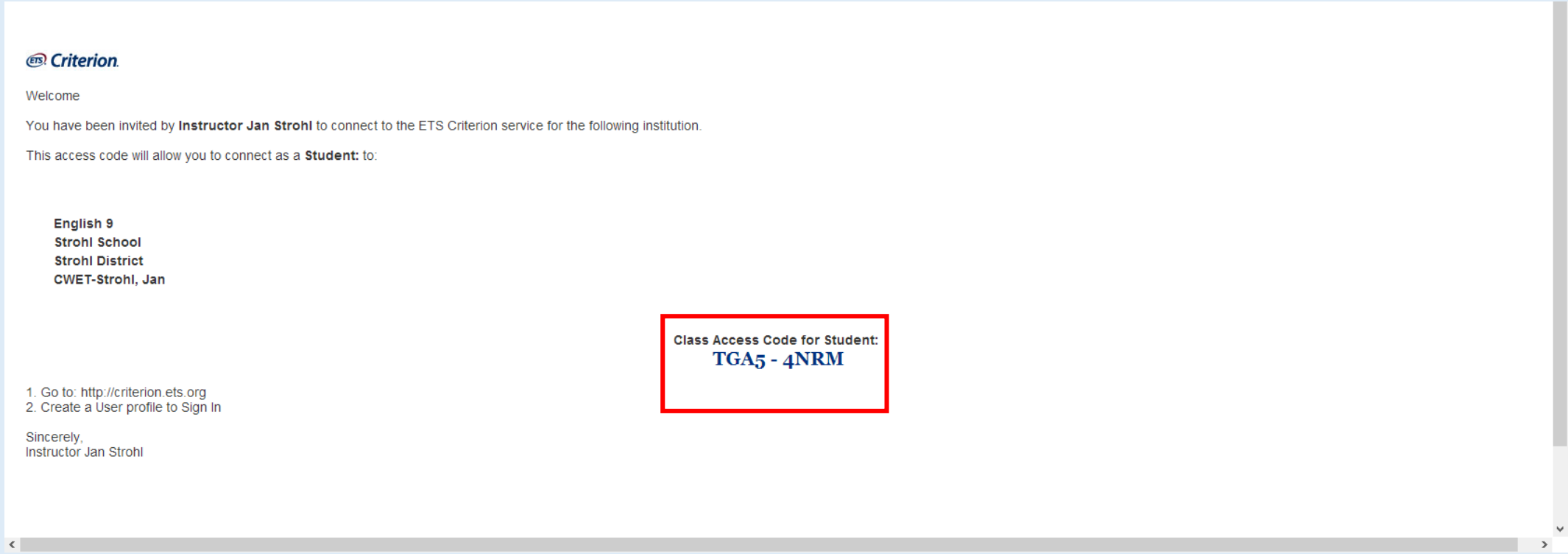
Online Handbook

Opportunities to Revise

24/7 Online Access

Peer Dialogue

Self-register as a new user



Criterion

Welcome

You have been invited by **Instructor Jan Strohl** to connect to the ETS Criterion service for the following institution.

This access code will allow you to connect as a **Student:** to:

English 9
Strohl School
Strohl District
CWET-Strohl, Jan

Class Access Code for Student:
TGA5 - 4NRM

1. Go to: http://criterion.ets.org
2. Create a User profile to Sign In

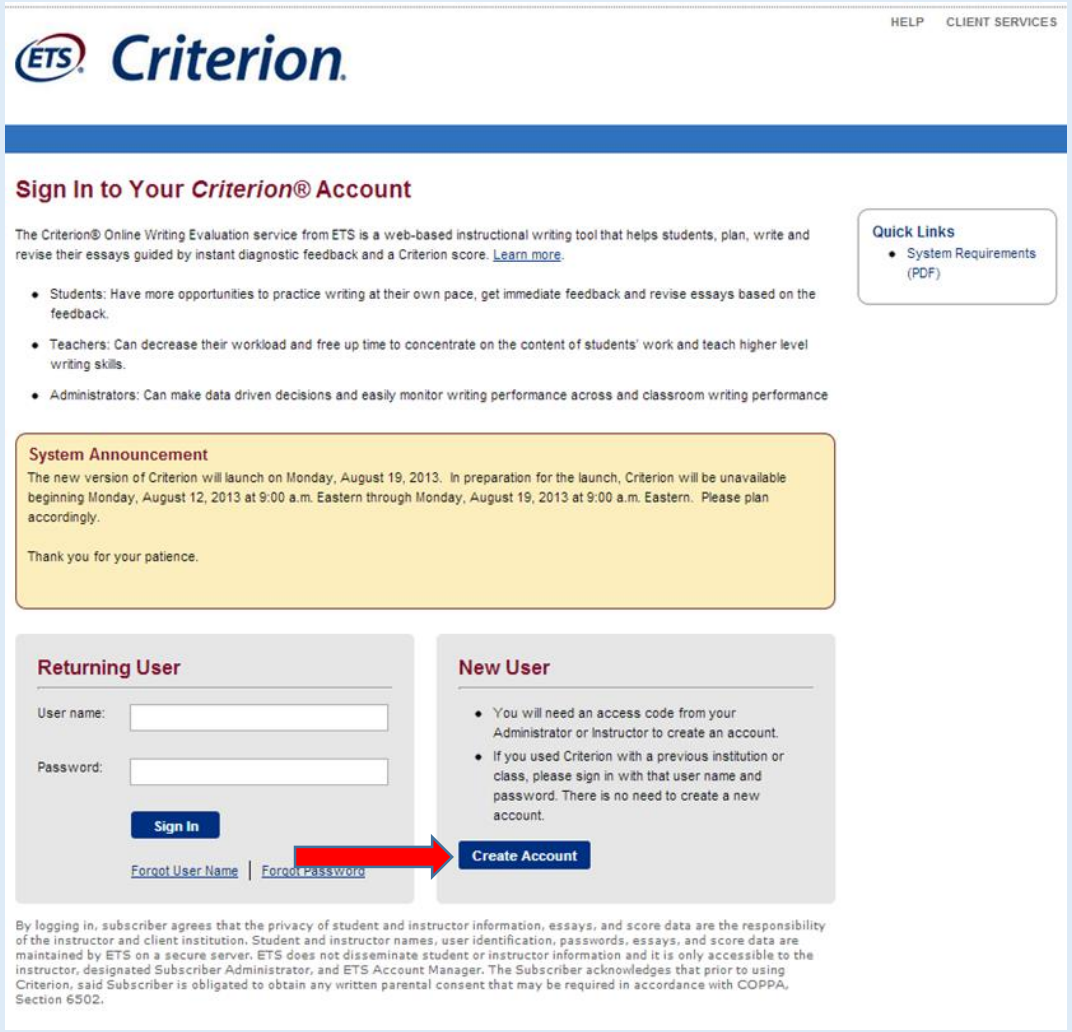
Sincerely,
Instructor Jan Strohl

If your received an email like the one above, copy the access code.

Go to the *Criterion*® Website

http://criterion.ets.org

Create your user account



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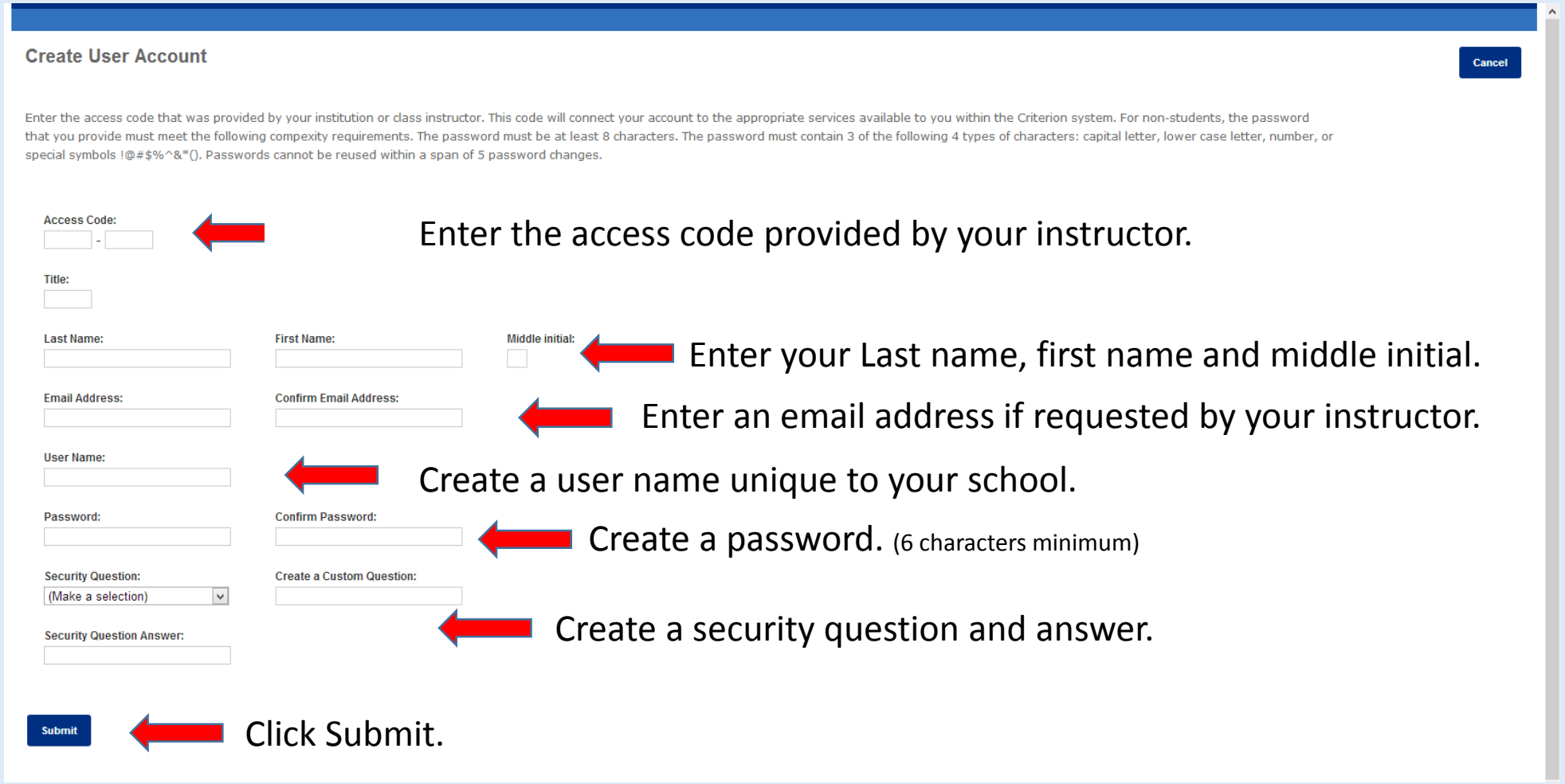

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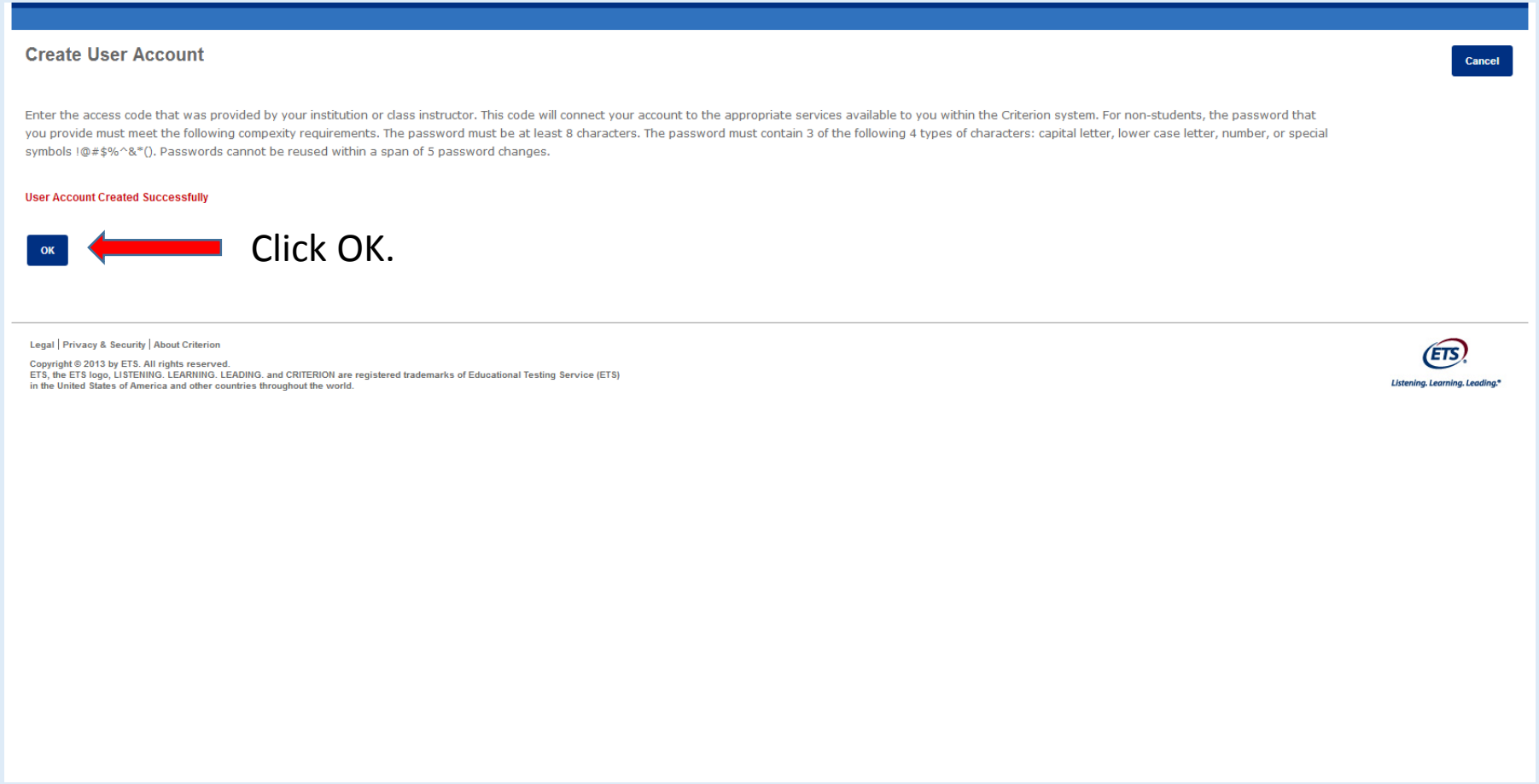
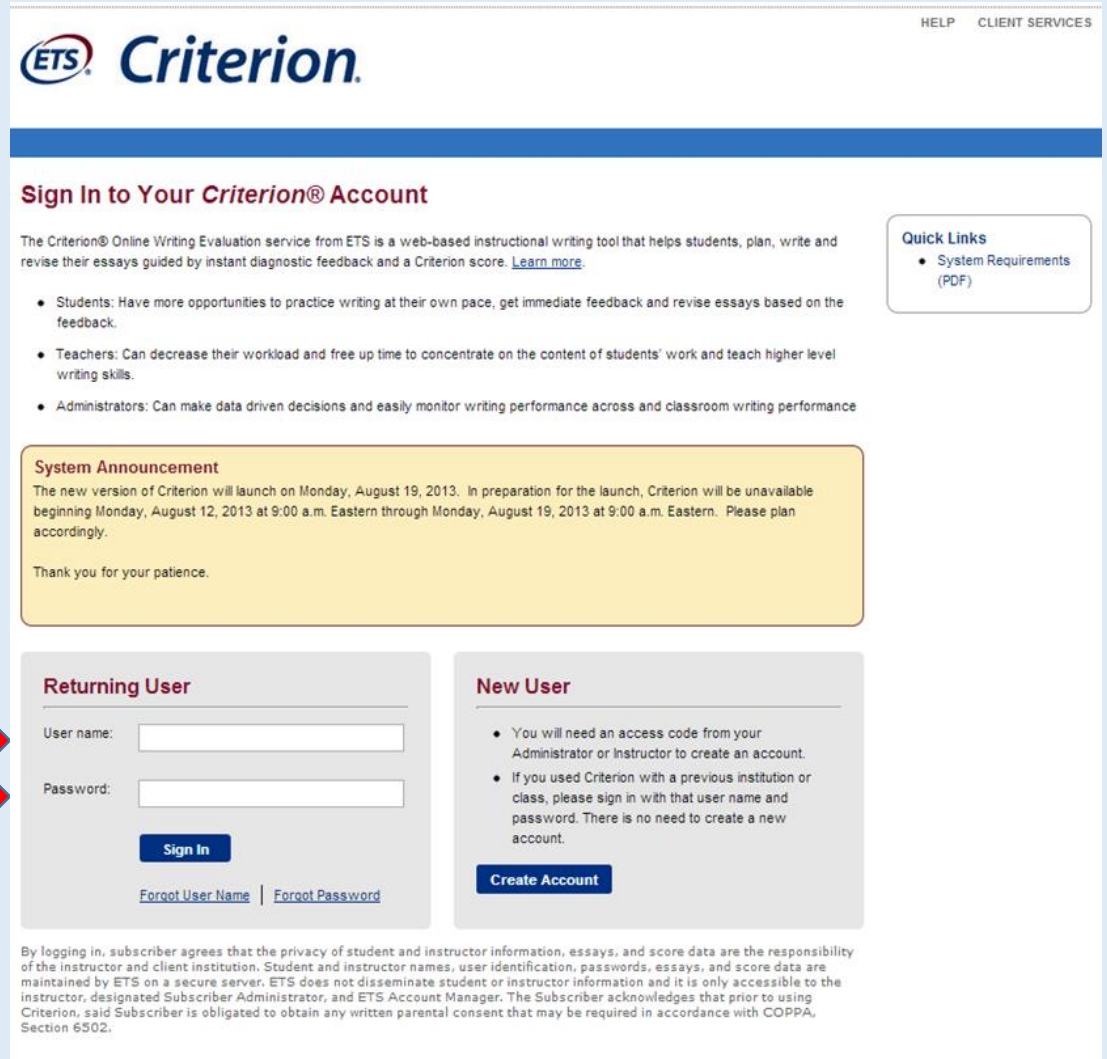
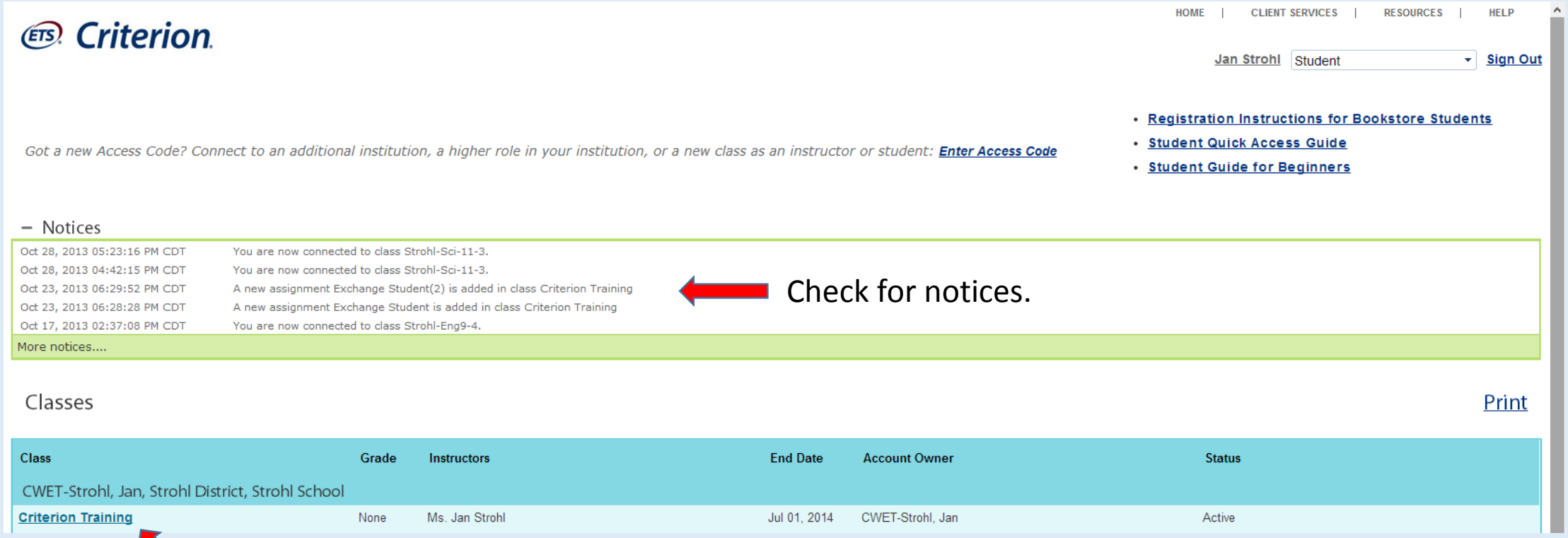


Log In Screen

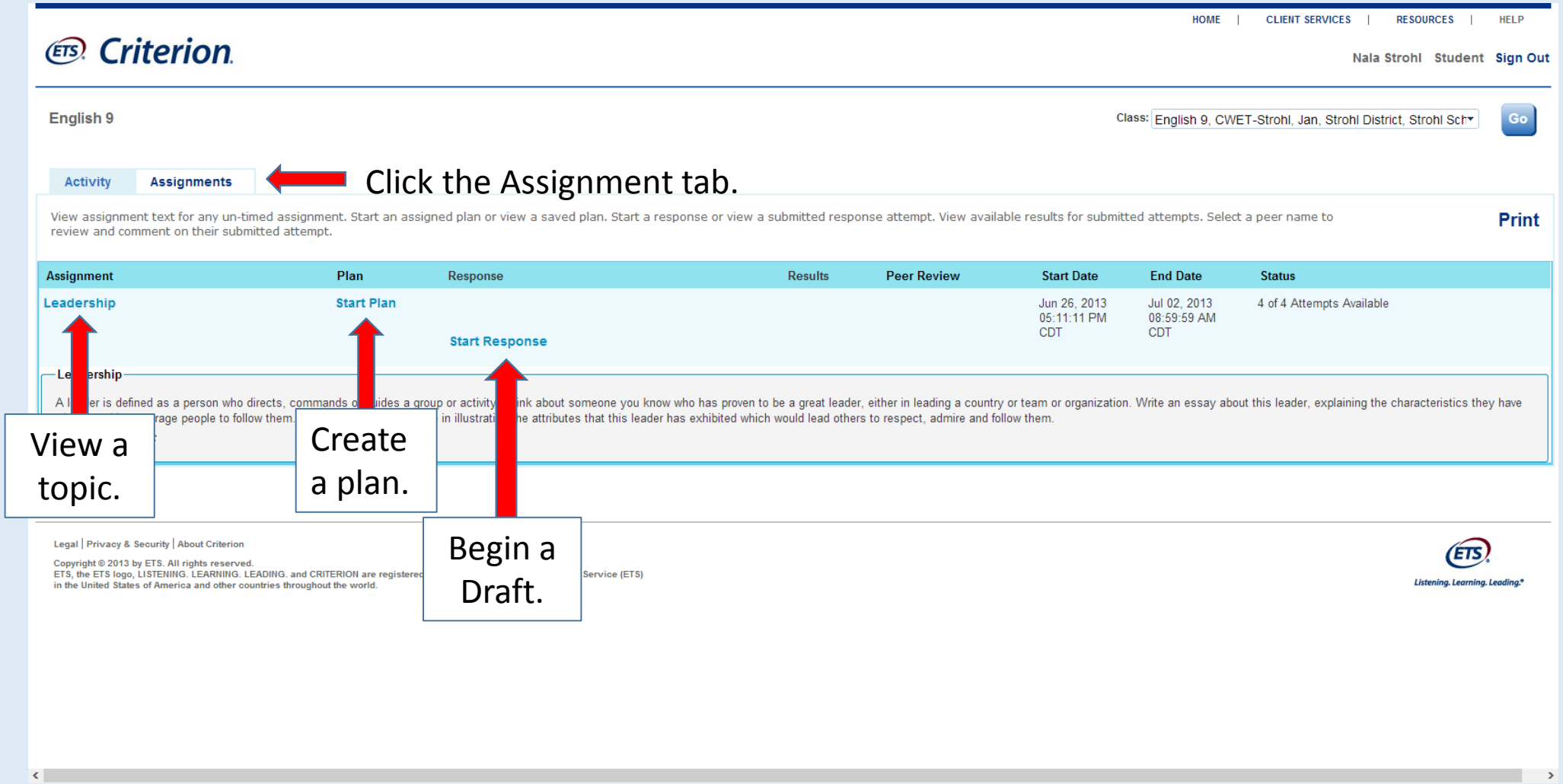
Enter your newly created user name and password.



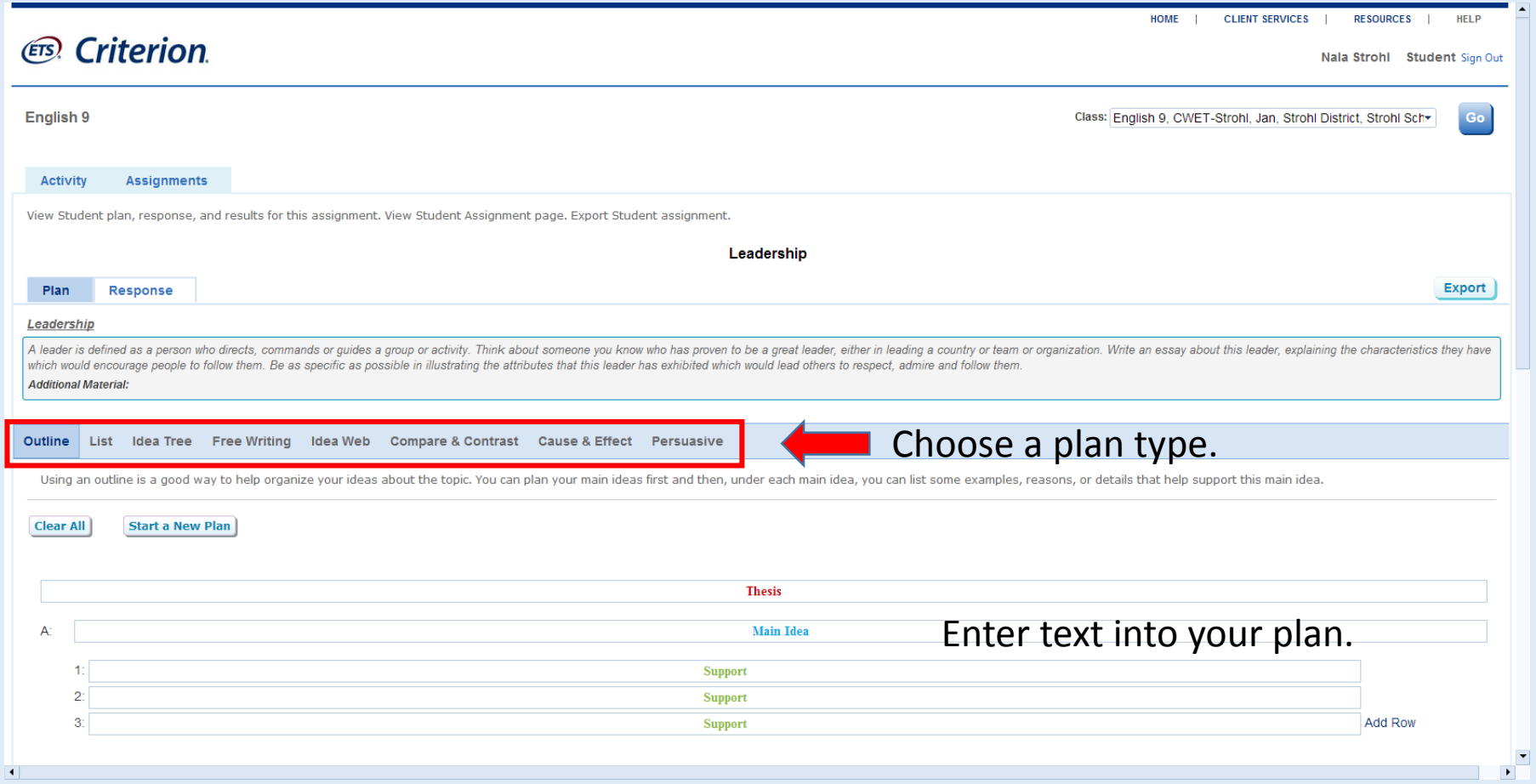
Criterion® home page



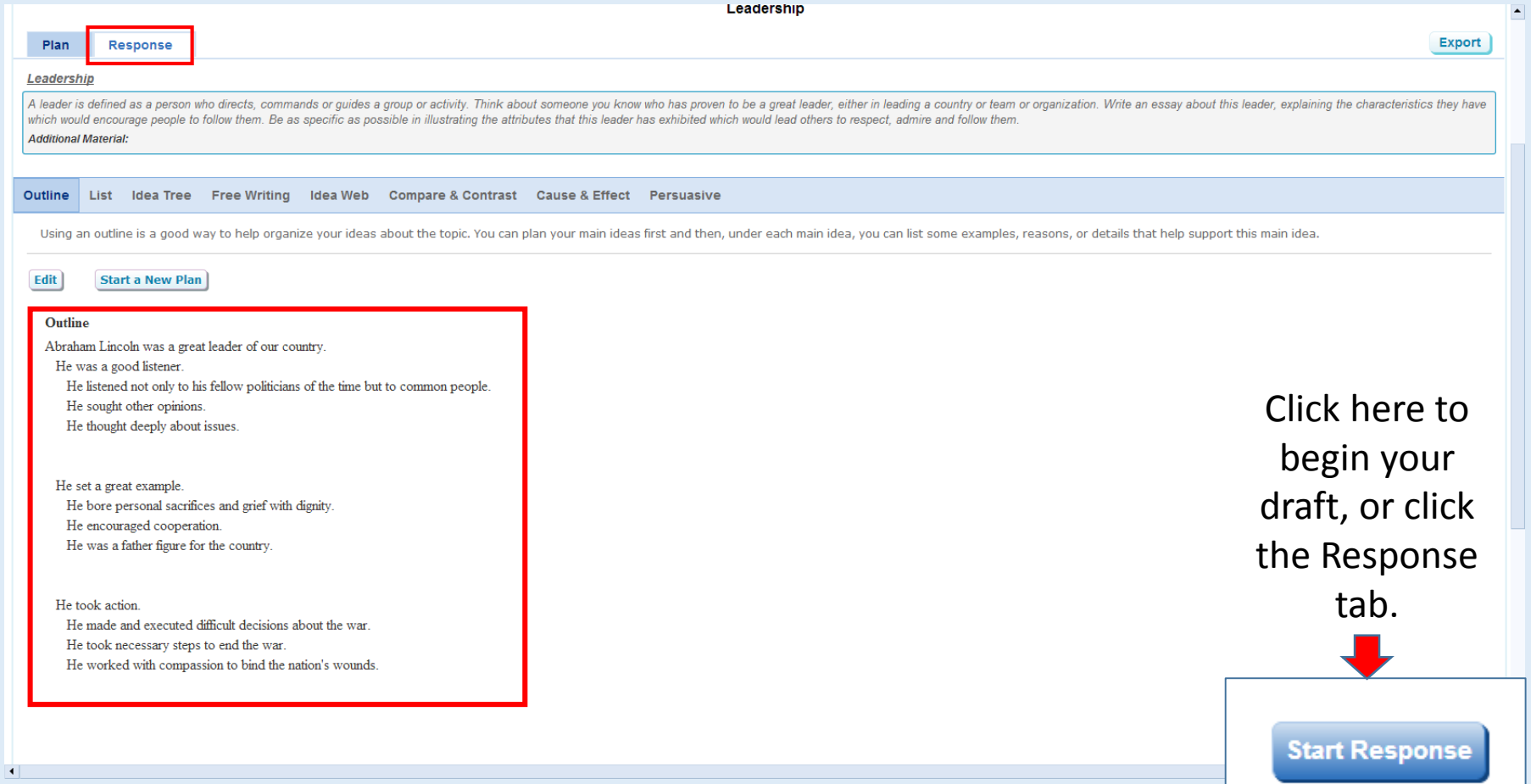
Begin an assignment



Create a plan

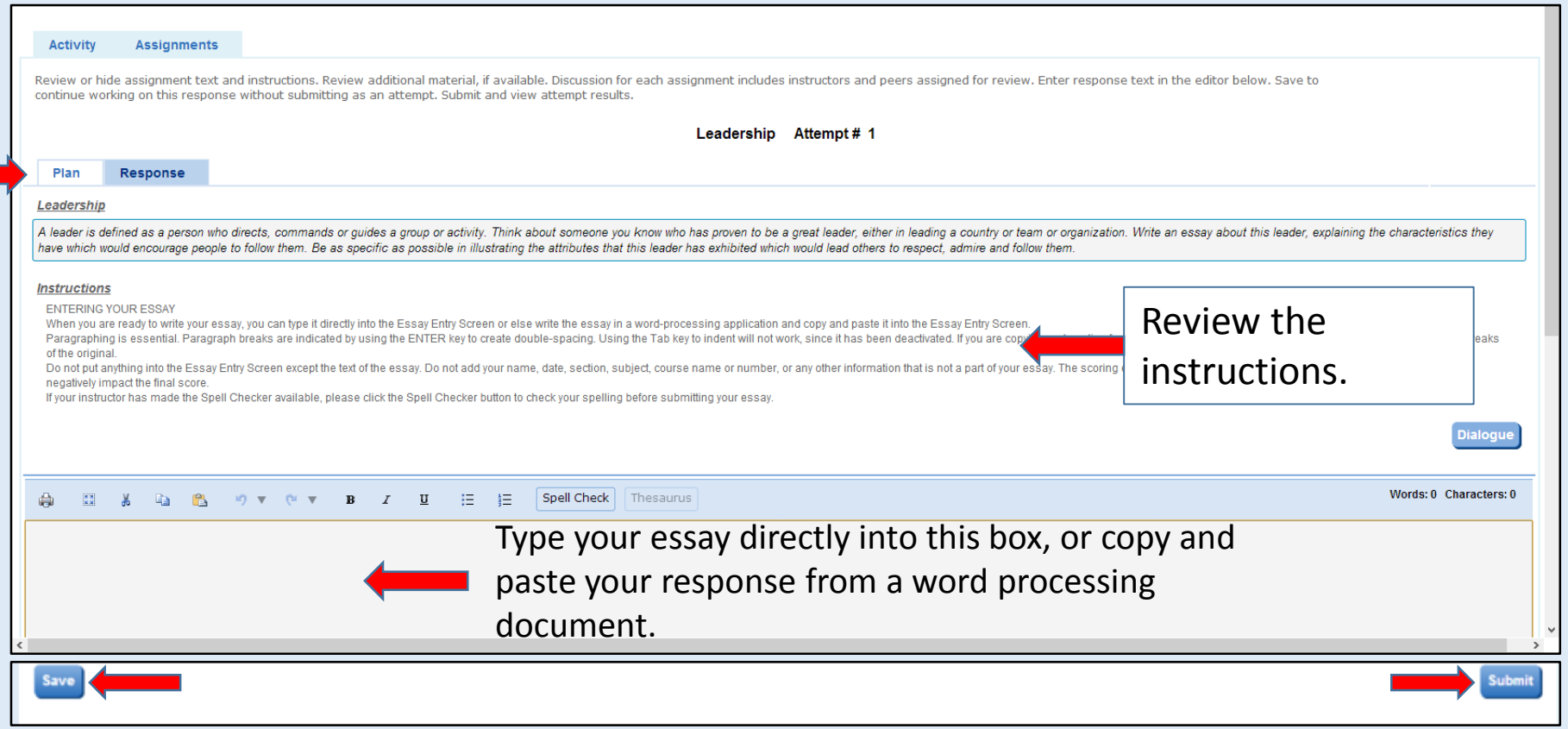


View your completed plan



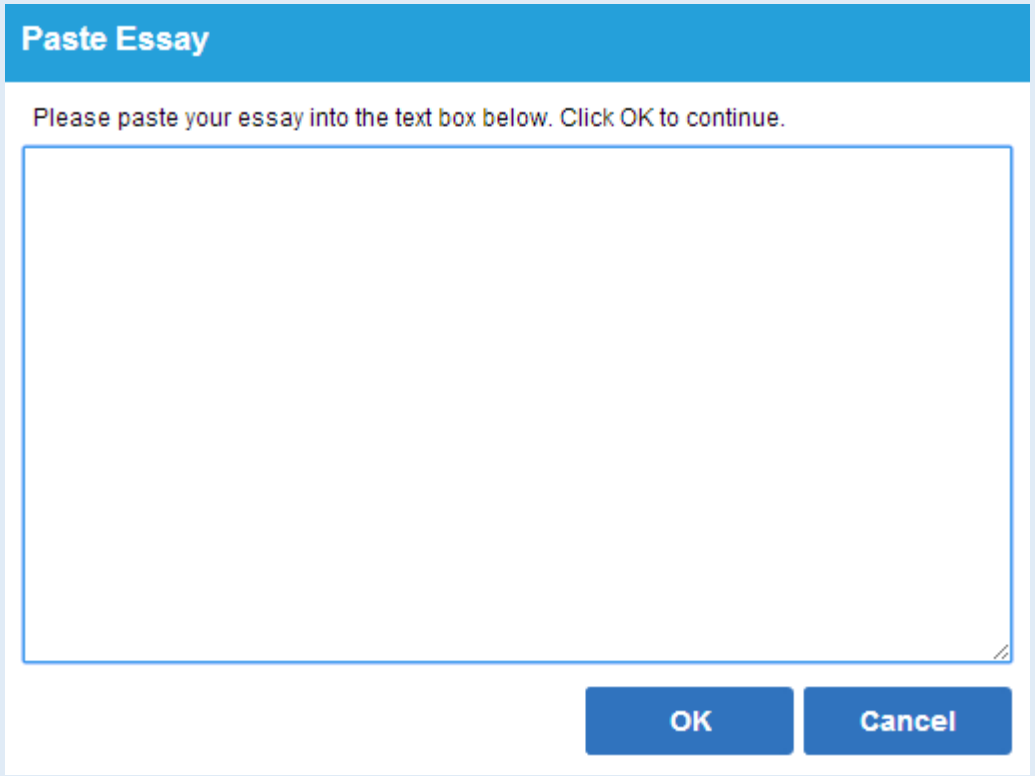
Craft your response

Click the plan tab to toggle between your plan and the response. Copy and paste from your plan.



Remember to Save frequently as you type. Click Submit when the essay is ready for evaluation.

Copy and Paste an Essay



You may copy and paste an essay from a word processing program. Press Ctrl-V, and a text box will appear. Paragraphing may be stripped out during copy and paste, so you will need to check this after pasting text. To paste the text into the *Criterion* writing screen, click OK.

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Before you click Submit

Recheck the content of your essay by asking yourself these questions:

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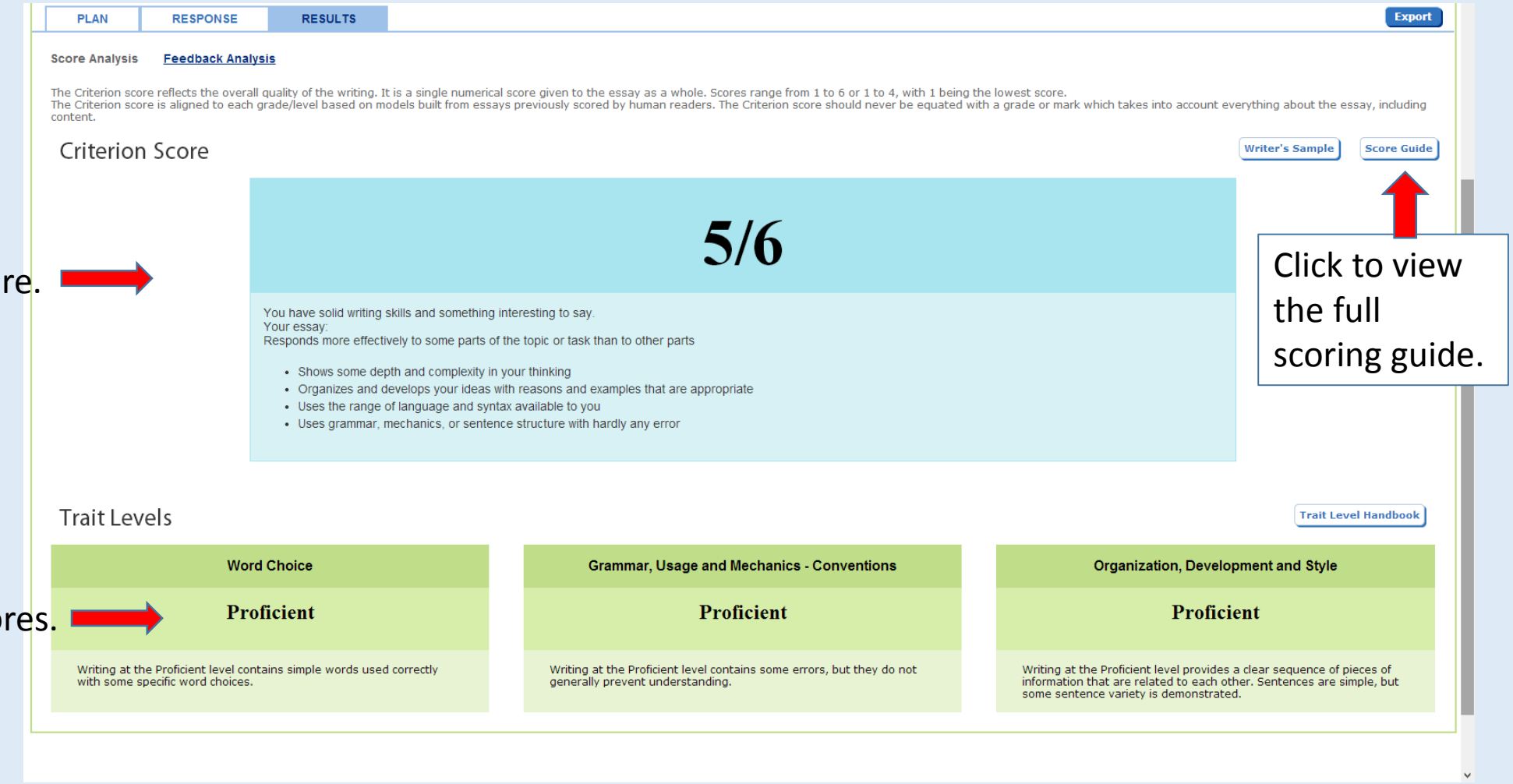
View your feedback

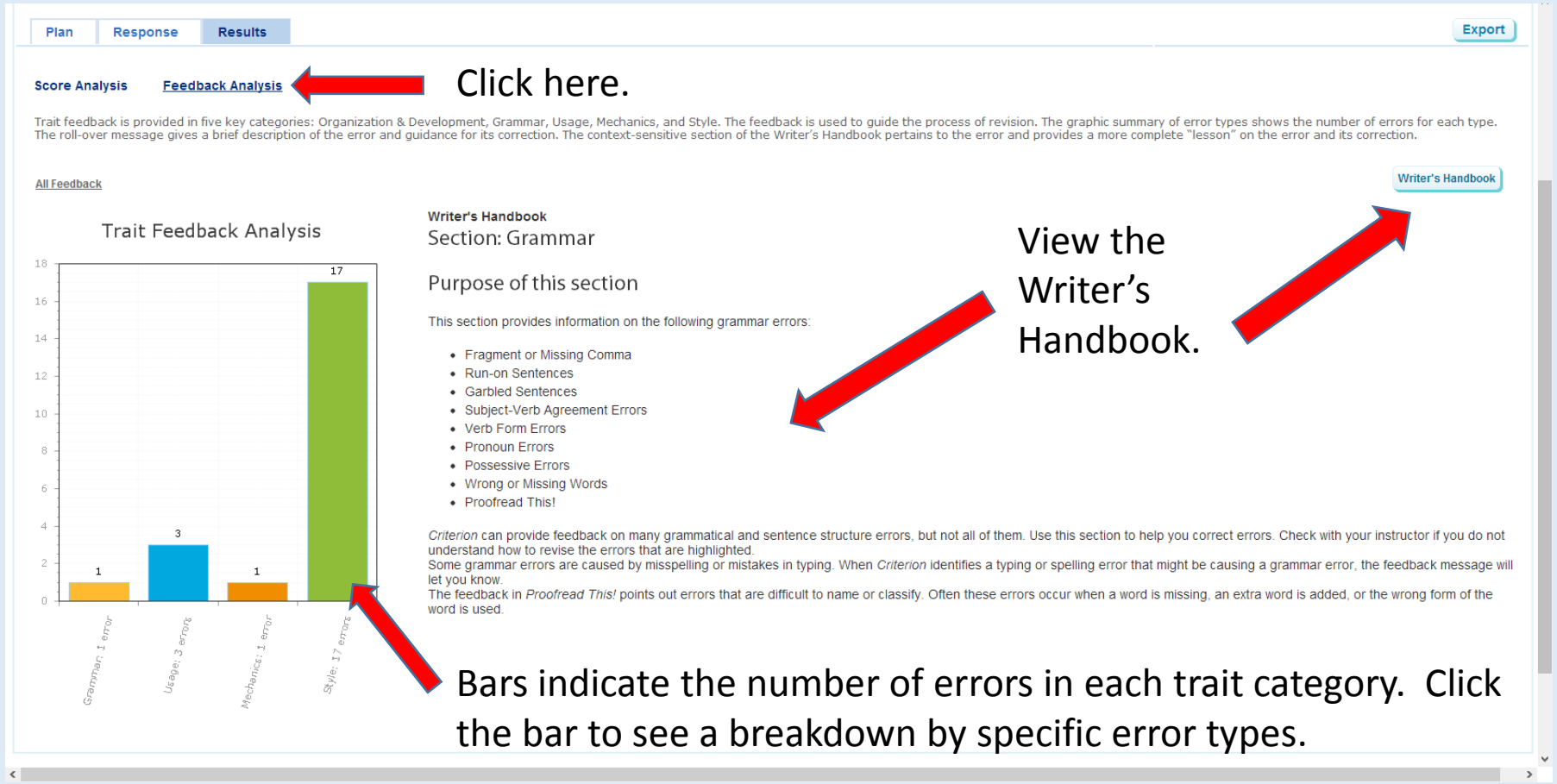
View your Criterion Score.

View your Trait Level scores.



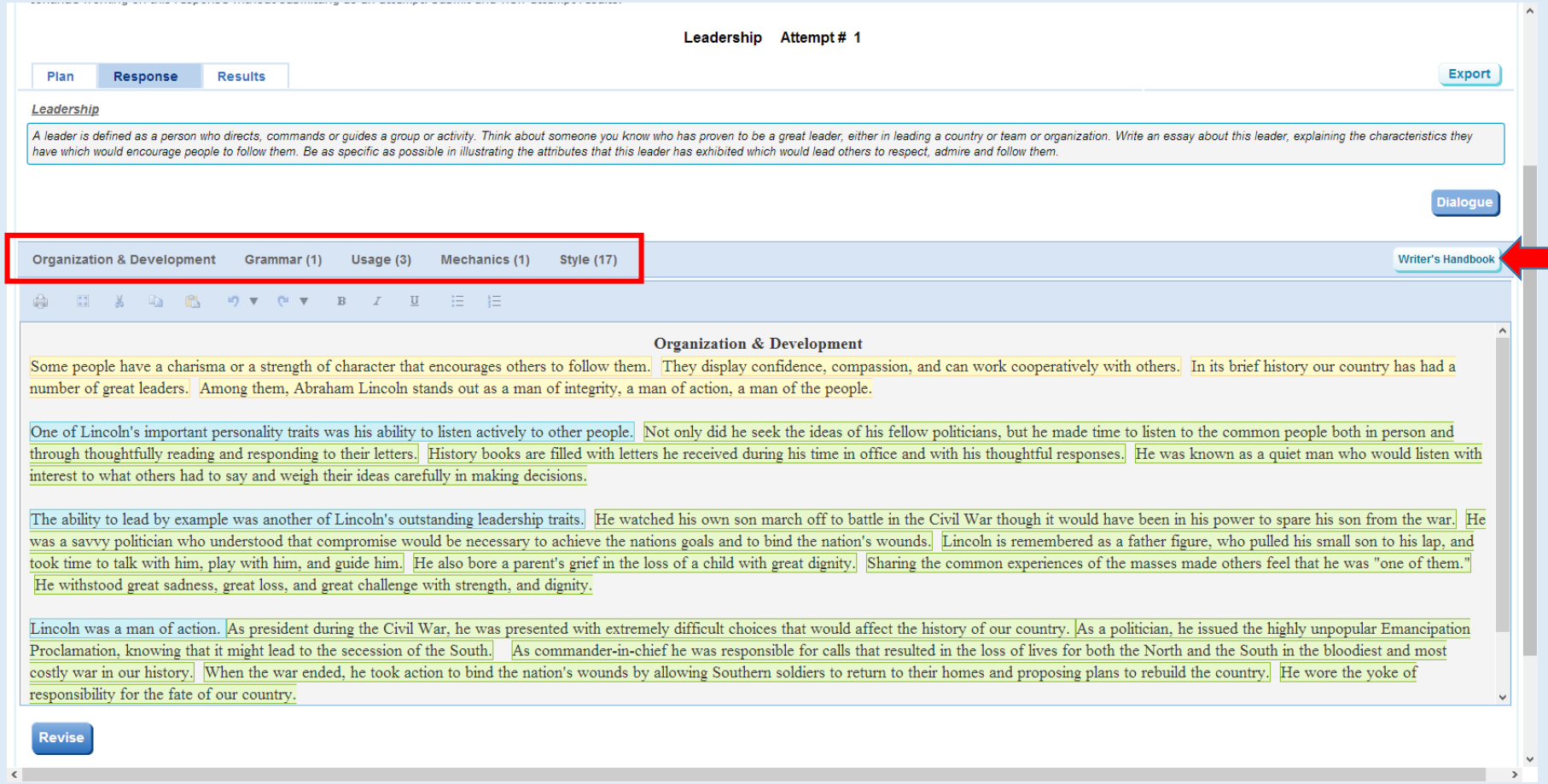
Click to view the full scoring guide.

View the Feedback Analysis Chart



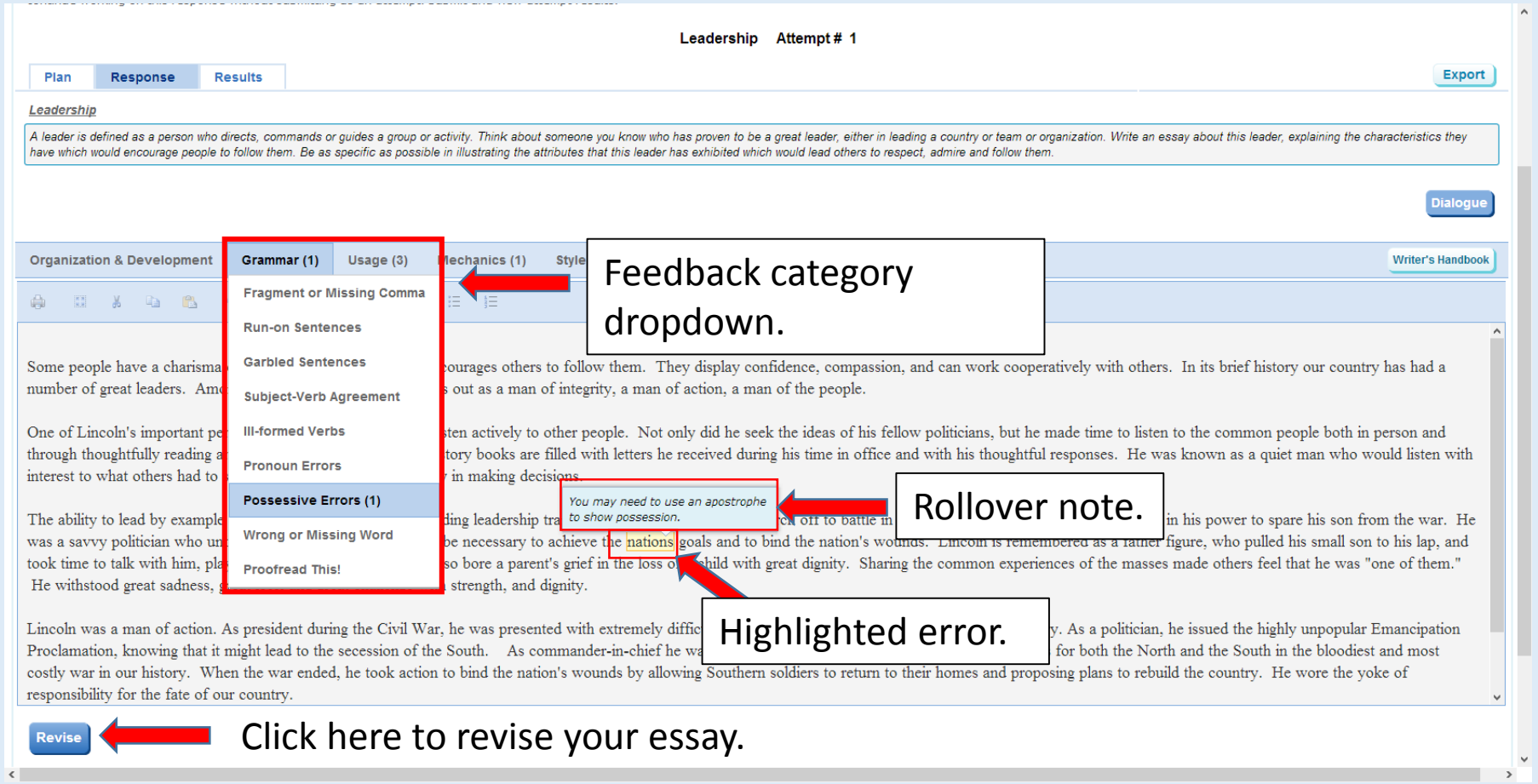
View specific trait feedback for your essay

From the Response tab, click on each of the five categories to view specific feedback on your essay. Errors will be highlighted and roll over notes will provide information on each error.

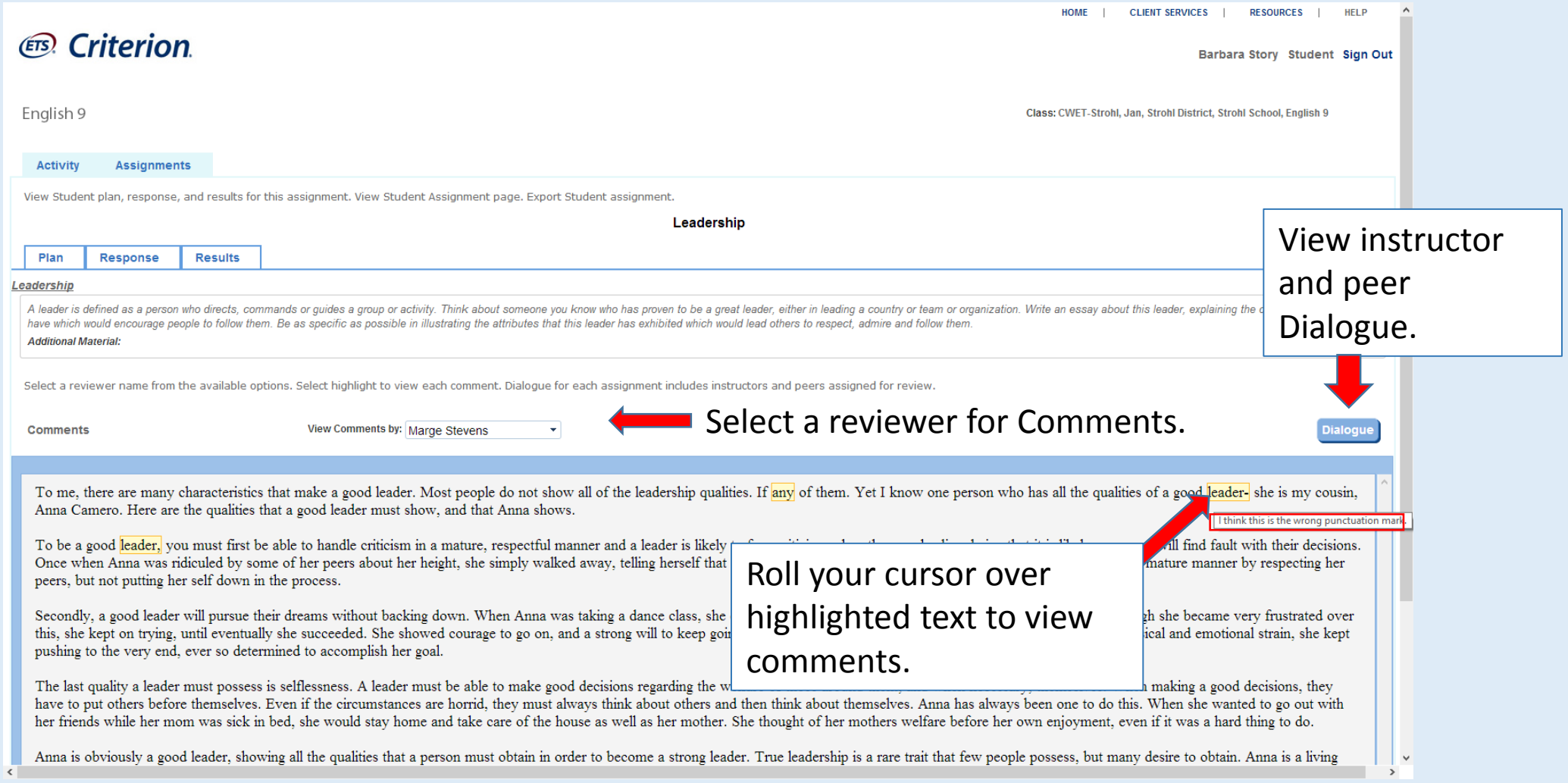


Click the Writer's Handbook for more information on any identified error.

Review your errors



Instructor and Peer Review

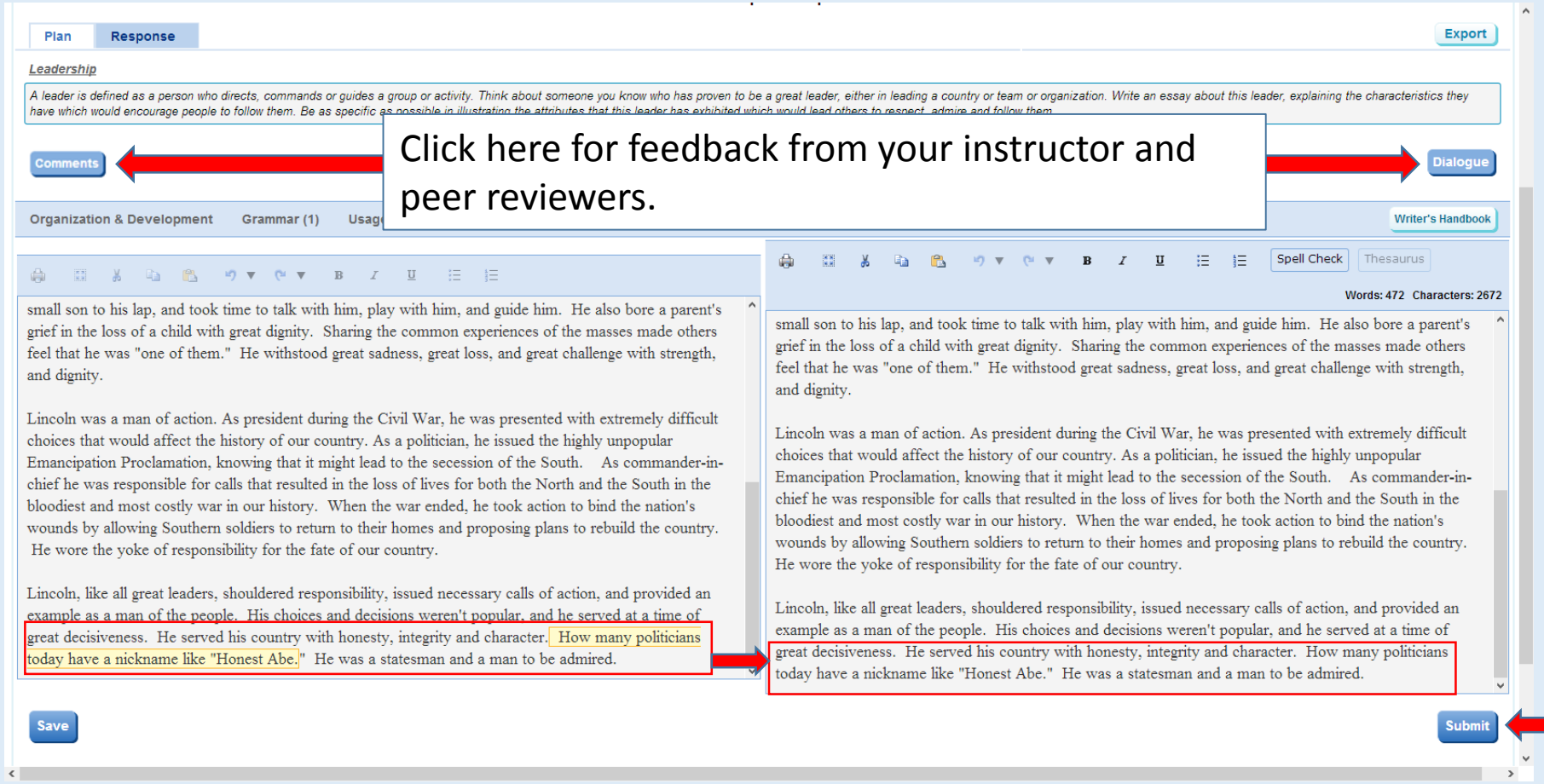


View instructor and peer Dialogue.

Select a reviewer for Comments.

Roll your cursor over highlighted text to view comments.

Revise your essay



When all errors have been corrected, review the content of your essay for further needed improvements. Check the Score Guide for guidelines.

Click here to submit your revised draft.

View error feedback on left and enter your corrections on the right.

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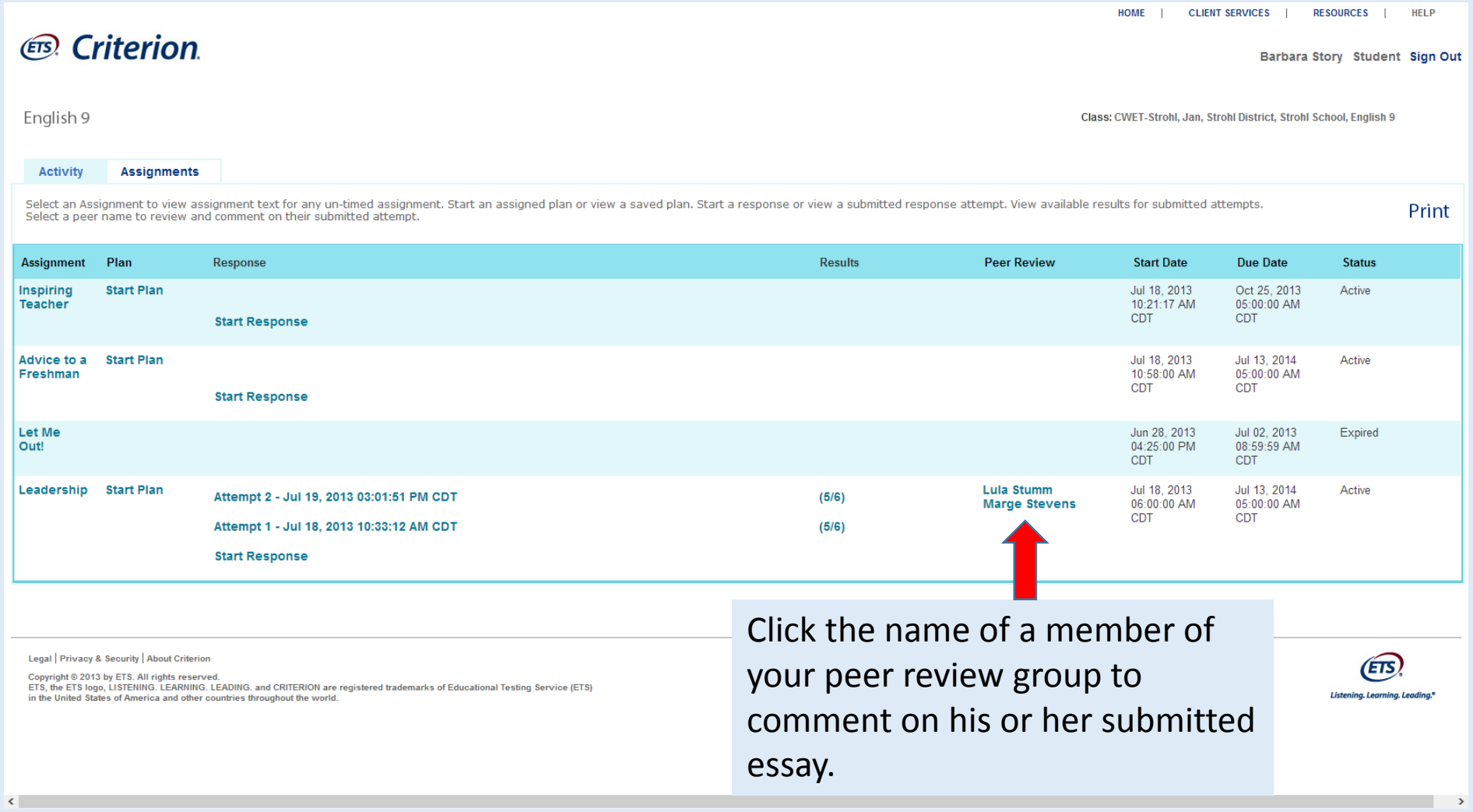
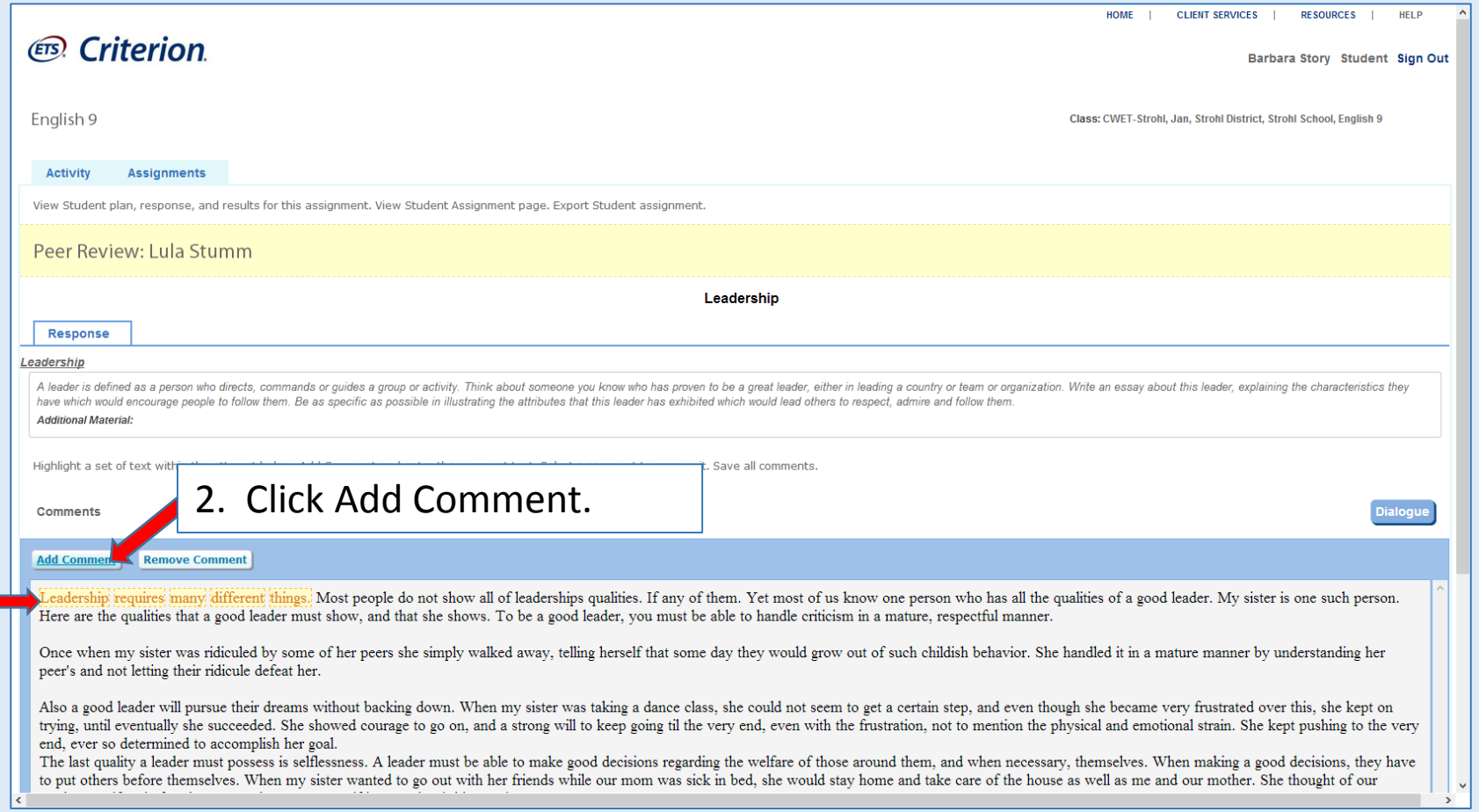
Review a Peer's Essay



Click the name of a member of your peer review group to comment on his or her submitted essay.

Enter Comments

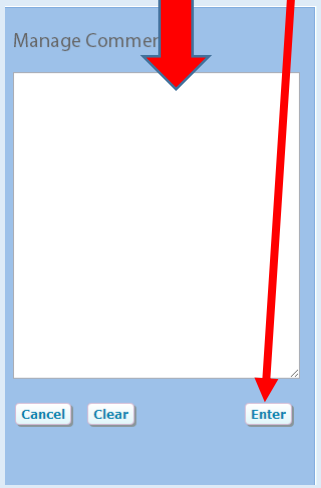
Click the blue Comments button.



1. Drag to highlight a word or phrase about which you would like to make a comment.

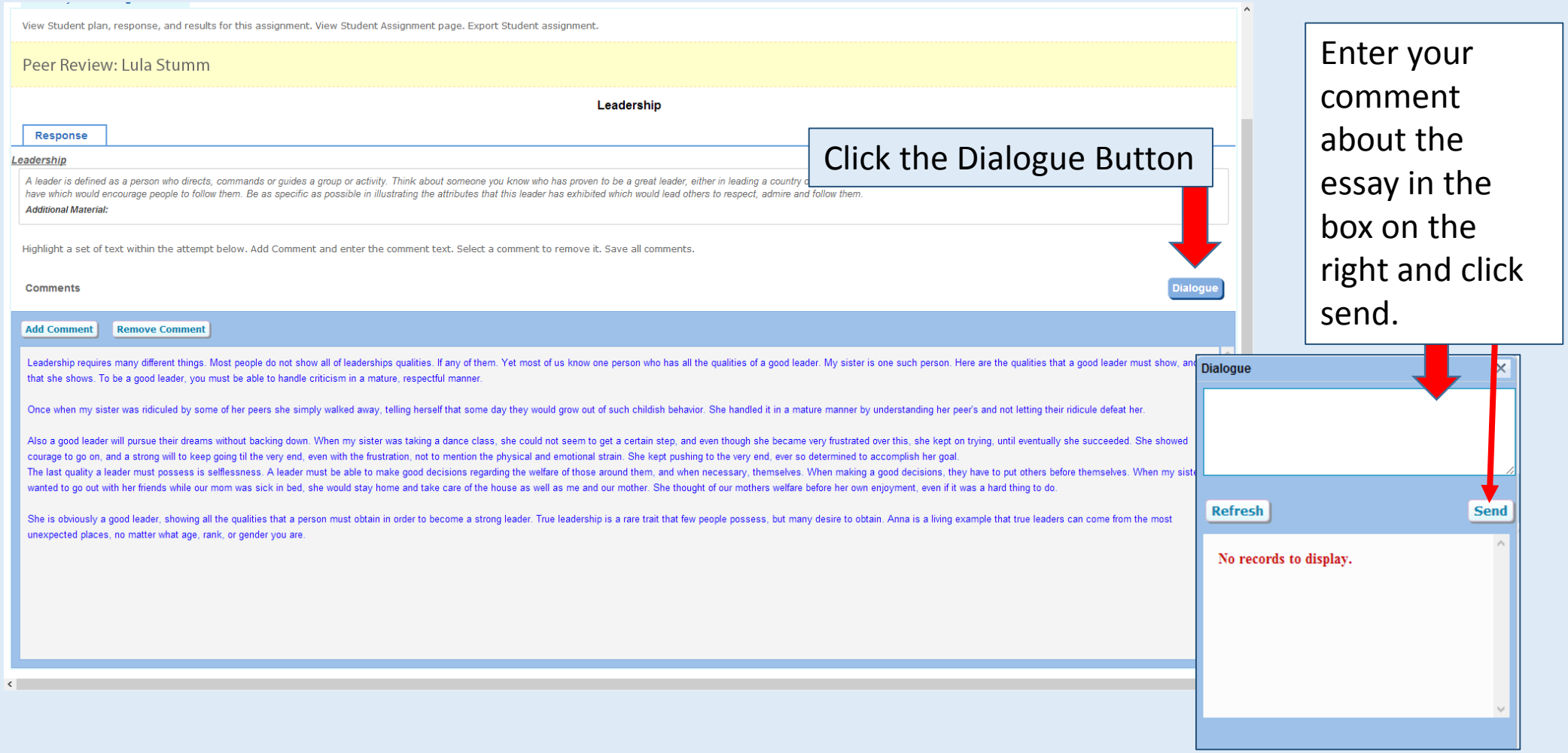
2. Click Add Comment.

3. Enter your comment in the pop-up box and then click Enter.

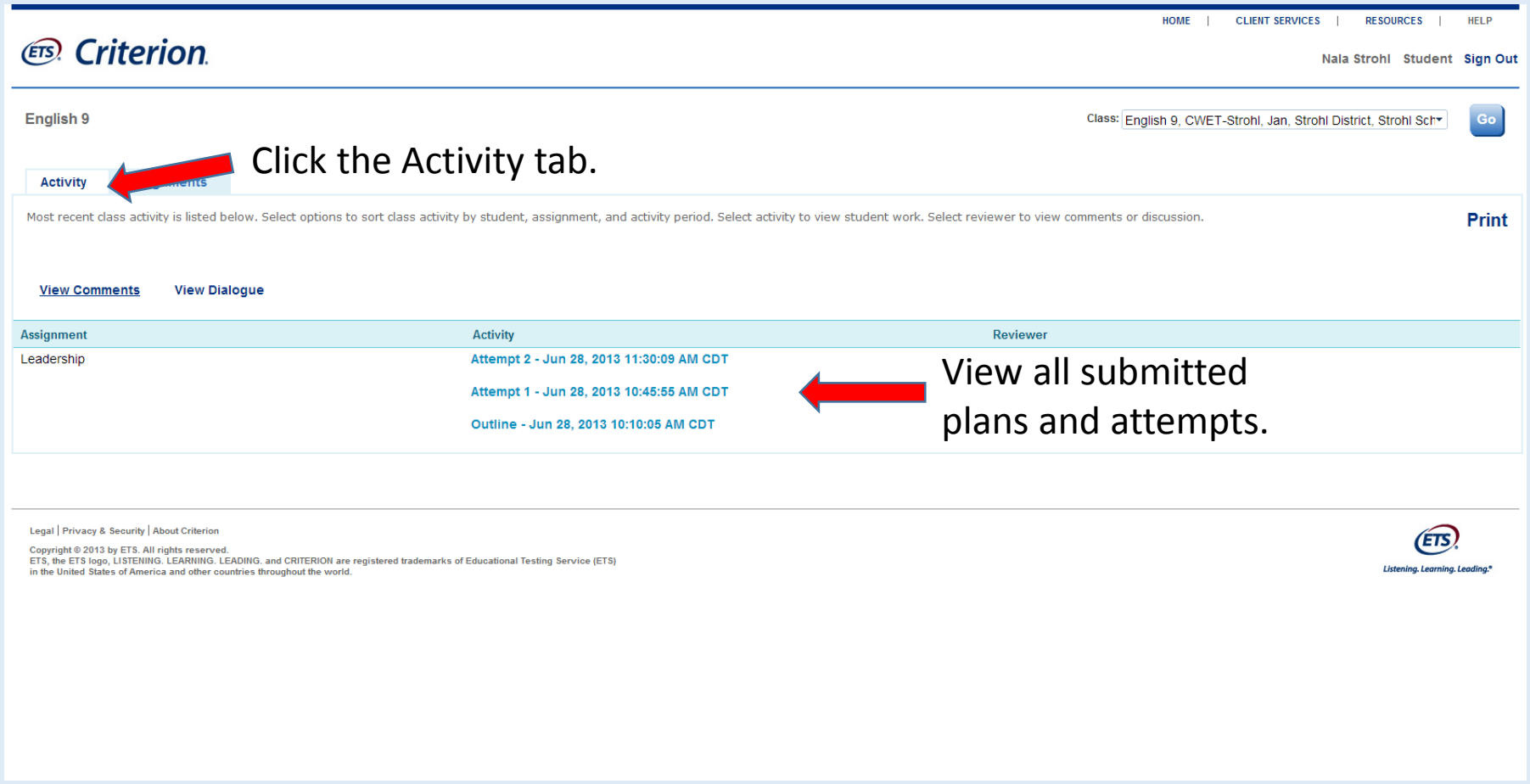


4. Click SAVE after entering all comments.

Enter Dialogue



Review your class activity



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