**TCAP Writing Pilot**

**DIRECTIONS**

In a few moments, you will see a passage and a prompt. You are to plan and write an essay about the passage according to the instructions provided in the prompt. This activity will show how well you write. Express your thoughts clearly and make your writing interesting to the reader. Your essay will be scored as a rough draft, but you should watch for careless errors.

Before writing, spend some time reading the passage, thinking about the prompt, and planning your thoughts.

WRITE ONLY ON THE PROMPT AND PASSAGE YOU ARE GIVEN.

The time you have for writing is 60 minutes.

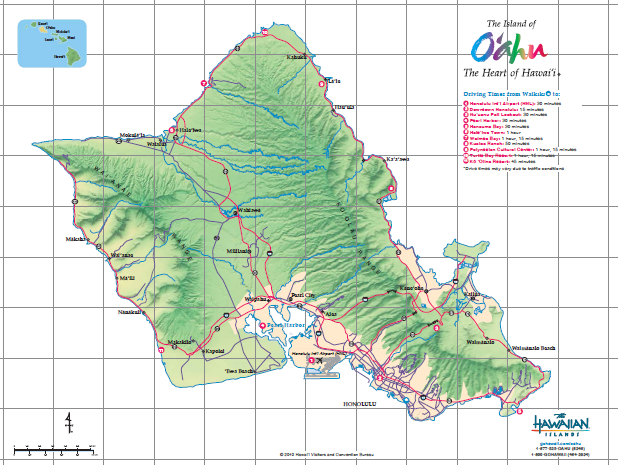
READ THIS PROMPT CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU BEGIN YOUR WRITING.

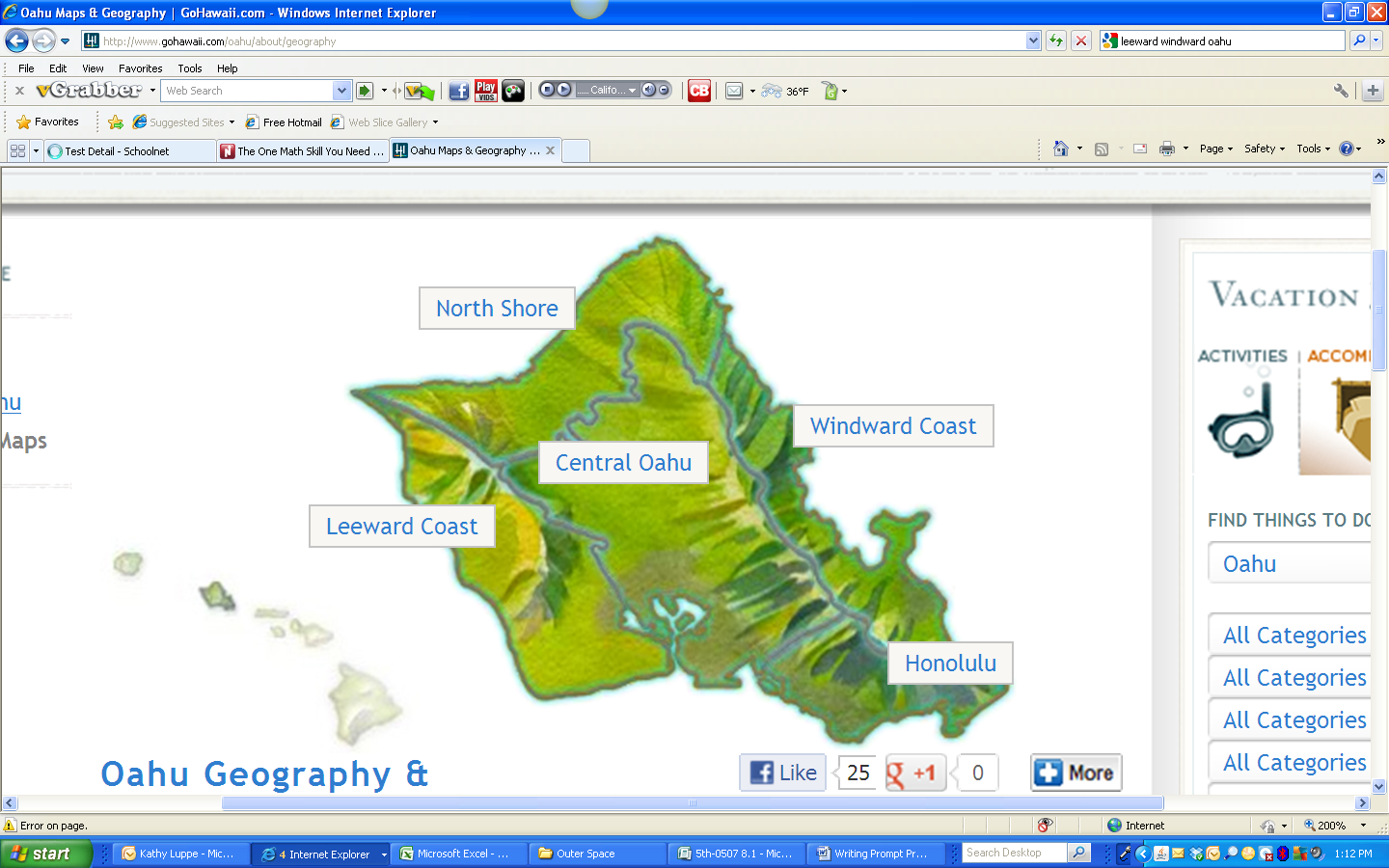
**Moving to Hawaii**

**Your parents tell you exciting news. Your family is moving to Hawaii. They plan to live on the island of Oahu but can’t decide between moving to the town of La’ie (located by a red star on the map below) or the town of Makaha (located by a purple star on the map below). Your parents explain that they don’t know much about Hawaii but they are looking forward to living in a lush, green, tropical area. They need your help to decide where to live on Oahu. Write an opinion essay that provides your parents with information about whether to live in La’ie or Makaha. Remember that your parents are moving because they want to live in a lush, green, tropical area. In your opinion, tell why La’ie or Makaha is the best choice. Be sure to use evidence from the maps below. Also, remember to use correct grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing your essay.**

You may use the space below for prewriting. However, only the lined pages of your answer document will be scored. You will have a time limit of 60 minutes.

**This writing prompt must be returned with all test materials.**

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