

Essay Topics (You choose one)

- ¶1 How would life be different without screens? ¶2 How would your family benefit from the extra time? What impact can too much screen-time have on us? ¶3 How is screen time advantageous to us? What would you miss without screen time? ¶4 What would you like to change about screen time in your life?
- ¶1 Would you like to have an identical twin? ¶2 What would be the advantages? ¶3 What would be the drawbacks? ¶4 How can being a twin help or hinder your friendships with others?
- ¶1 How important is our appearance? ¶2 Why do we care so much about what we wear, and how we look to others? ¶3 What other traits or characteristics are important? What traits do you value in a person? ¶4 In your opinion, what is the most important trait of a person?
- ¶1 Is time travel possible in your opinion? Why/why not? ¶2 If you could travel in a time machine and go any distance into the past or future, where would you decide to go? Why? ¶3 What would the disadvantages be of travelling into the past or the future? The advantages? ¶4 What would you change in the past if you could? Why? What impact might this have on us, or the future?

Criteria (what I must do to meet the goal):

QUALITY

- **Use the writing process.** Total Mark is out of 25. 15 marks for the draft. The more edits/changes/revisions and symbols of correction you make on the draft, the more marks you get for it.
- **Edit your ideas into paragraphs (¶)** so they are organized, detailed and well worded (makes sense)
- **Proof Read - No COPS mistakes.** Proof read for spelling, punctuation.
- **No Banned Words:** Suddenly (1), Said (1), Things (0), Stuff (0) or Then (1).
- **6 Dressups** (all different)

FORMAT and QUANTITY

- **Typed best copy:** GOLDEN RULES (no exceptions).
- **Minimum 4 Paragraphs (¶)** (introduction ¶, 2 body discussion ¶'s, summary ¶)
- Each Paragraph (¶) must have **topic sentence and a clincher**.
- Included the 6 dressups you have learned
- **Minimum 5 sentences per paragraph including TS and Clincher.**

How to Create an Essay Draft From My Brainstorm:

1. Re-read the essay question.
2. Make sure you have all the details that you need on your brainstorm.
 - a. At least one page should be covered in your ideas.
 - b. Make sure you have answered or discussed *all* the points from the essay question.
 - c. Add more details to your brainstorm if you need to.
3. **Create four topic sentences**, one for each paragraph:
 - a. Introduction:
 - b. Discussion #1:
 - c. Discussion #2:
 - d. Your final opinion and summary:
4. Start to create **three detail** sentences for each topic sentence. These will become your paragraphs. Start with the introduction. Remember this is your draft and you don't have to worry about COPS yet. **Double Space!** Include lots of details, and interesting words. Flesh these sentences out – putting more details/dressups and information in them using interesting words. Remember each paragraph is different; don't repeat ideas or information.
5. **Create a clincher** for each topic sentence that sums up the paragraph but uses different vocabulary/words than the Topic Sentence.
6. Later you will edit these paragraphs to include more details, dress-ups and interesting vocabulary, but the more you do now, the less you may have to do later!

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DRAFT CHECK: IS MY DRAFT READY TO BE LOOKED OVER BY A PEER/TEACHER?

<i>Have You...</i>	Y	N
DOUBLE SPACED your draft so you can make/insert many changes?		
Organized your draft into at least 4 paragraphs (Intro¶; Discussion#1¶; Discussion#2¶; Summary¶)?		
Started each paragraph with a Topic Sentence to guide what you are going to discuss in the detail sentences?		
Included 3 complete Detail Sentences & a Clincher at the end for each paragraph?		
Removed all banned words & ensured that you haven't repeated words (Thesaurus)		
Included and numbered the 6 openers we have learned so far?		
EDITED your draft to include more interesting facts , details and opinions?		
EDITED your draft to reword it so it makes more sense and is interesting to read?		
PROOF READ IT for COPS using a DICTIONARY for spelling?		
Included all the symbols of correction that you should		
Finally, is your typed draft Golden Ruled with a footer for your name?		
If the answer to any of the above questions is NO, then you cannot give this to someone else to check yet. You need to correct the situation yourself FIRST.		