

Essay Topics (You choose one)

1. We all have fears. (¶1)=Explain and discuss various things that frighten you. (¶2)=What frightens you the most? Why do you think you are so afraid of it (what caused this, do you think?)? (¶3)=What does your fear look like to others when they see you get scared; what are you likely to do, say, how do you react? What have people done in the past to calm you down, solve the problem for you, comfort you, or convince you to carry on? (¶4)=What strategies do **you** use to deal with things that frighten you (avoidance, confront, self talk) when you face the fear alone? What will you do to overcome or manage your biggest fear? Will you ever beat it?
2. Imagine you had the unique power of effortless flight and you could fly whenever you wanted. (¶1)=When would you use this secret ability? (¶2&3)=What would be the advantages, disadvantages and consequences of this power? (¶4)=If you could choose to keep or lose this power, which would you choose and why?
3. Do we need rules?
(¶1)=If there were no rules, what do you think would happen? Discuss why we have rules. (¶2)=Discuss what extra rules you think we might need to make our society better and tell why. (¶3)=Are there rules that you think we should abolish (get rid of?). Tell why. (¶4)=Overall, are you happy with the rules in your life (at school, at home, at camp, in hockey etc...)? Why/Why not?

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 Openers** (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 openers 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.		