

Adaptations for Advanced Students

Advanced students may wish to spend time editing essays for grammar, mechanics, and style. They may also be given additional topics to try their hand at on their own.

Teacher Reflection/Lesson Evaluation

I often use this topic, and students do well at brainstorming and categorizing once they get started. I like it as a tool for teaching idea organization.

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Sample Money-saving Tips

Money Management:

make a budget

live within your means

put a percent of your income into savings

invest wisely

avoid credit card debt

limit expensive habits

Conserve:

turn off lights

take short showers

carpool

turn AC and heat down

plan several errands for a single trip

use energy efficient light bulbs

unplug unused appliances

drive efficiently

winterize your home

Shop Smart:

use coupons

take advantage of sales

buy in bulk

shop at thrift stores, discount stores, and yard sales

don't shop hungry

use shoppers' cards

make a shopping list

distinguish between needs and wants

buy gas on the right day

do unit price shopping

buy generics

Do it Yourself:

plant a garden

can or freeze food

sew clothing

eat in

do your own home maintenance

do own auto maintenance

use the library

go to free parks and museums

pack your lunch

35 Essay Instructions

1

Determine an essay topic if you have not been assigned one.

Select a topic on which you will enjoy reading, researching, and writing, as it will not only help your focus, but also add to your enjoyment. Because the most important part of a 3.5 Essay's format is the three body paragraphs, a writer should select a topic on which three points may be made. This strategy will make writing the essay easy as 1-2-3.

2

Create a Thesis Statement.

The thesis statement will be the most important sentence of your essay; therefore, take great care in creating it. The thesis should amount to only one sentence and properly constructed. Further, try to incorporate three points (that you'll further explain later in your paper), in the thesis. Use powerful action verbs that invoke impact to further develop the sophistication of your thesis.

For example, a strong thesis statement for a 3.5 Essay would be: "My favorite sweets to bake include chocolate chip cookies, white chocolate cheesecake, and crème brulee". This thesis introduces three desserts that may be thoroughly described in later paragraphs, namely the "body" paragraphs.

3

The Introductory Paragraph.

The introductory paragraph should build interest into the thesis, by starting with two sentences that make general statements that apply to the thesis statement. Follow these "introductory" sentences with the thesis statement, which should ALWAYS be the final sentence in every 3.5 Essay's Introductory Paragraph.

4

The Body Paragraphs.

The body paragraphs are the three that fall in the "middle" of the essay.

Begin building these paragraphs out by developing the first point as one paragraph, followed by the second point's designated paragraph; and finally followed by the third thesis point's paragraph.

Each paragraph should contain three sentences at the minimum, though typically no more than five sentences.

5

The Conclusion Paragraph.

The final paragraph of the 3.5 Essay will be the Conclusion. Every Conclusion Paragraph must begin with a restated-version of the thesis used in the Introductory Paragraph. Follow the restated thesis with an additional sentence or two that concludes your essay's points in a general way.

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