

ESSAY PROMPT:

THIS NOTE SHEET BELONGS TO: _____:

INTRODUCTION	THESIS	
1 ST PARAGRAPH TOPIC		
2 ND PARAGRAPH TOPIC		
3 RD PARAGRAPH TOPIC		
CONCLUSION		

INTRODUCTION

TOPIC SENTENCE	
THESIS	
TOPIC SUMMARY	
LINK	

1ST PARAGRAPH

TOPIC SENTENCE	
EVIDENCE	
ANALYSIS	
LINK	

2ND PARAGRAPH

TOPIC SENTENCE	
EVIDENCE	
ANALYSIS	
LINK	

3RD PARAGRAPH

TOPIC SENTENCE	
EVIDENCE	
ANALYSIS	
LINK	

CONCLUSION

RESTATE THESIS/OPINION	
SUMMARIZE PARAGRAPH TOPICS	
FINAL COMMENT OR SUGGESTION	

WORD	MEANING OR USE OR EXAMPLE SENTENCE FOR YOUR ESSAY

1. Check your spelling.
2. Check your grammar.
3. Read your essay again.
4. Make sure each sentence has a subject.
5. Make sure your subjects and verbs agree with each other.
6. Check the verb tenses of each sentence.
7. Make sure that each sentence makes sense.
8. Make sure your essay has an introduction, supporting paragraphs, and a summary paragraph.
9. Check that you have a thesis statement that identifies the main idea of the essay.
10. Check that all your paragraphs follow the proper paragraph format.
11. See if your essay is interesting.
12. Have you included some interesting adjectives, metaphors, figurative language?
13. Make sure you have examples to prove your claims.
14. Check your punctuation.

Key terms from the prompt reworded.

Contention/Thesis. What your essay will be about.

1st Paragraph Topic.

Example/Detail/Evidence. 1

Example/Detail/Evidence. 2

Example/Detail/Evidence. 3

2nd Paragraph Topic.

Example/Detail/Evidence. 1

Example/Detail/Evidence. 2

Example/Detail/Evidence. 3

3rd Paragraph Topic.

Example/Detail/Evidence. 1

Example/Detail/Evidence. 2

Example/Detail/Evidence. 3

Six Prewriting Steps:

1. Think carefully about what you are going to write. Ask yourself: What question am I going to answer in this paragraph or essay? How can I best answer this question? What is the most important part of my answer? How can I make an introductory sentence (or thesis statement) from the most important part of my answer? What facts or ideas can I use to support my introductory sentence? How can I make this paragraph or essay interesting? Do I need more facts on this topic? Where can I find more facts on this topic?
2. Open your notebook. Write out your answers to the above questions. You do not need to spend a lot of time doing this; just write enough to help you remember why and how you are going to write your paragraph or essay.
3. Collect facts related to your paragraph or essay topic. Look for and write down facts that will help you to answer your question. Use the internet, your library, your relatives, teacher and friends. Timesaving hint: make sure the facts you are writing are related to the exact question you are going to answer in your paragraph or essay.
4. Write down your own ideas. Ask yourself: What else do I want to say about this topic? Why should people be interested in this topic? Why is this topic important?
5. Find the main idea of your paragraph or essay. Choose the most important point you are going to present. If you cannot decide, which point is the most important, just choose one point and stick to it throughout your paragraph or essay.
6. Organize your facts and ideas in a way that develops your main idea. Once you have chosen the most important point of your paragraph or essay, you must find the best way to tell your reader about it. Look at the facts you have written. Look at your own ideas on the topic. Decide which facts and ideas will best support the main idea of your essay. Once you have chosen the facts and ideas you plan to use, ask yourself which order to put them in the essay.