

Do Now

- ▶ Make a list of all the parts you would need to write an informative essay.

Informative Essays

- ▶ Share information about a topic.

Thesis statement

- ▶ Main idea of your whole essay.
- ▶ Clearly states an idea.

How to write a thesis statement:

1. Identify your topic.

Television violence and children

2. Ask a question about the topic.

What are the effects of television violence on children?

3. Make your question into a statement you can support.

Violence on television increases aggression in preschool children.

You try it!

- ▶ Turn to your buddy and correct one of the two thesis statements below:

Writing Prompt: Describe how television commercials influence children.

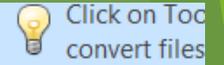
Bad: Television commercials have an influence on children.

Good:

Writing Prompt: Explain why young people especially enjoy hobbies.

Bad: One hobby many young people especially enjoy is reading.

Good:



Introduction

1. Hook
2. Background information
3. Thesis

Do not!

- ▶ Begin your essay “Hi, my name is ... and I’m going to tell you about...”
- ▶ “In this essay, I will tell you about...”

Body Paragraphs

- ▶ Main idea sentence
- ▶ Supporting details
- ▶ Transitions

Main Idea Sentence

- ▶ Rate the following sentence 1-4:
 - ▶ “Teenagers shouldn’t have jobs.”

Main Idea Sentence

- ▶ Rate the following sentence 1 to 4
 - ▶ “Letting a teenager get a job could reduce the amount of time they have for school work.”

Supporting details

- ▶ Should be texted based whenever possible.
- ▶ “According to _____,…”
- ▶ “In the story,…”
- ▶ “In his article _____, Reggie Smith states…”

Transitions

- ▶ Link ideas!
- ▶ “For example,” “Additionally,” “However,” “Although.”
- ▶ Pair up with your partner and see how many other transition words and phrases you can think of!

Conclusion

- ▶ Sums up main points (like a review for your reader)!
- ▶ Restate your main idea!
- ▶ Make a connection to your reader or give them something to think about!

Student Model

- ▶ Read the student model and find:
 - ▶ Thesis Statement
 - ▶ Main ideas of body paragraphs
 - ▶ Supporting details
 - ▶ Examples from other texts
 - ▶ Transitions
 - ▶ Conclusion

Exit Ticket

- ▶ On your slip of paper, write down one thing you want to remember from today's lesson and use when you do the Palm Beach Writes this week.
- ▶ As you leave, self-assess yourself using the bins on the door:
 - ▶ 4: I am very confident and could teach this lesson.
 - ▶ 3: I am pretty confident.
 - ▶ 2: I am approaching understanding, but could use a review.
 - ▶ 1: I'm feeling lost.