
Writing an Extended Response

— Third Grade —

What is an Essay?

An Essay is long answer with several paragraphs.

Writing an essay takes practice!!

However, if you follow simple steps you'll do great!

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| 1. Analyze the Prompt | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read the prompt slowly from start to finish.• Figure out what kind of essay to write. Are you supposed to tell about a character? Write about how you feel? Or do something else?• Notice what kinds of details the prompt asks you to write about. |
| 2. Gather Text Evidence | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reread the passage named in the prompt.• Find evidence (such as facts, details, and other information) to support your ideas. |
| 3. Organize Your Ideas | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Come up with a plan for your essay.• Decide how many paragraphs to write.• Figure out what details will be in each paragraph. |
| 4. Draft Your Essay | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Write your essay based on your plan.• Use linking words such as <i>and</i>, <i>also</i>, <i>but</i>, and <i>another</i> to connect your ideas. |
| 5. Check Your Work | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be sure you have written a response to each part of the prompt.• Make your essay better by adding or changing details.• Fix any mistakes in grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. |

Step 1 - Analyzing the Prompt

When writers begin to write their extended response they should first begin by unpacking the questions.

Prompt 1

Describe what Aidan thinks of dance class at the beginning of the story and what he most likely thinks of it by the end. Explain what changes his opinion. Use details from the story to support your answer.

In your response, be sure to:

- describe what Aidan thinks of dance class at the beginning of the story
- describe what Aidan most likely thinks of dance class at the end of the story
- explain what happens to change his opinion
- use details from the story to support your answer

These words tell you to write about Aidan's opinion of dance class both at the start of the story and at the _____.

These words tell you to write about the event that changes Aidan's _____.

1. Read the Question
2. Underline Key words
3. Ask yourself clarify questions:

What do I need to write about?

What kind of essay should I write?

What should I talk about in each paragraph?

My Essay Outline

Introduction - Hook the reader, State the title of the text and author , restate the question (Make a claim)

Body Paragraph 1 - Describe what Aidan thinks of dance class at the beginning
- Use Text evidence

Body Paragraph 2 - Explain what happened to change his opinion - Use text Evidence

Body Paragraph 3 - Describe what Aidan thinks of dance class at the end- Use Text evidence

Conclusion - Add a final thought and restate the claim

You Try.... Turn and Talk with your partner what is the questions asking you to do?

Prompt 2

Explain why Emilio thinks he wasn't a good friend to Brady. Then describe what Emilio does toward the end of the story to be a good friend and what makes him act this way. Use details from the story to support your answer.

In your response, be sure to:

- explain the reasons why Emilio thinks he wasn't a good friend
- describe what Emilio does to treat Brady like a friend
- describe what causes Emilio to finally be a good friend to Brady
- use details from the story to support your answer

You Try.... In your notebook make an outline for your essay.

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Our Plan

Introduction

Body 1

Body 2

Body 3

Conclusion

Writing Task

Go off and read the various questions.

Create a mini outline for how you would plan each essay

Discuss your plans with a partner. Explain the choices you made and why.