

**Essay Strategy Worksheet #6**

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Every form of writing has its own special rules to follow. Essays designed to inform or convince must follow these writing rules.

**Essay Writing Rules**

1. Use correct indentations, margins, and formatting.
2. Use complete sentences.
3. Use correct grammar and word choice.
4. Use third person point of view.
5. Do not over-use the same words or phrases.
6. Do not use slang, idioms, or figures of speech.
7. Use correct capitalization.
8. Use correct punctuation.
9. Use correct spelling. Do not use abbreviations or contractions.
10. Be neat and proofread for errors.

**Writing Hint**

Using a word that indicates a numeric value such as *two*, *both*, *many*, *several*, or *a few* can be helpful in a (3) Topic Sentence.

**Writing Example****Writing Prompt: Talk about a book everyone should read.**

(3) Everyone should read *The Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe*. (4) With great characters, such as “Aslan,” the story entertains both young and old alike. (4) The book brings the magical world of “Narnia” to life.

**Directions**

Write a three-sentence (3)-(4)-(4) paragraph to respond to the **Writing Prompt: Talk about how pets help people to enjoy life**. Choose one of the following “sentence starters” to begin your (3) Topic Sentence: (3) Pets help... (3) For two reasons, pets... (3) To enjoy life, people... Write the correct sentence number (3) or (4) at the beginning of each sentence as in the **Writing Example** above.

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