

45 Minute diagnostic writing

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Essay #1

Arrival age: 7

Years in US: 11

I remember when I was a kid in elementary school, I always like to be like superman. He is someone who have super power. With his super power he can able to help others. He can fly like an airplane, see through thing, hear through walls, etc.

If I could have the power that superman have, then I would use the powers to help other people. My parent always teaches us to help other if you can. Once you helped someone, you will feel very nice. You can't describe the feeling, it is very wonderful.

I think most people watch the movie "superman" before. In the movie he is a very powerful man. He save and helped lots of people. When their's bad thing happen people wish he can come and help them. He's a hero and he fights against the evil.

In conculsion many kid wants to be like their heros. I'm one of the kid that want to be like superman. Now when I watch superman with my little cousin, I will remember myself as a little kid again. I still remember a line in the move superman "it's a plane, no it's a bird, no it's superman."

Essay #2

Arrival age: 8

Years in US: 10

There are a lot of things that I cannot do, I wish I could be able to do these things. Sometime when I have a hard time with something, I just want to put it behind me and I don't want to deal with it. Sometime there're a things in my life I just could deal with it.

When I have a problem most of time I would go to sleep and hopefully when I wake up there're no more problem. When I wake up I wish there're no problem for me to deal with it. Everyday, everywhere I go I have to use the money, I have to use car to go to places, I need to pay the rent. I need to find a good job, I need to be able to solve my problem. I just wish that I have an ability to creat come interesting business for myself when I wake up. If I have an ability to create some new business for myself, it would be a lot better than before, especially with my economic, and my life style. But there're still a lot of problem that I have to dealing with because of my economic change just like people say "more money more problem." But still I just wish that I have an ability to create some new interesting business.

Problem always acure only each individual to sole it or makes the problem a little eassier for themselfe. For me a problem or bad situation always acure every day life. When I could think of anything, I would put myself to sleep and when I wake up I wish I could have an ability to think and create an interesting business.

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Essay #3

Arrival age: 14

Years in US: 5

Money is quite important to almost everyone, and if I can have the quality, I wish that I can be a very successful business woman owning a big international corporation and have a happy family.

Being in the business world is one of my dream because I love math and business will deals with a lot of math. I know accounting might use more math than business but I think accounting is too boring. I know how to speak another language, so I think it will help me a little in the international business world.

In my culture, a lot of people think that women should stay at the home, make foods for the family and take care of the children. But to me, I totally disagree. First of all, I don't like cooking at all. Secondly, I think women should not rely on men anymore because I believe women can be as successful as men when we work nowadays.

I want to also have a happy family is because it's good to share the success moment with the family and have them support me. Knowing my family is there for me will surely give me more confidence in my job.

Being a successful business woman is my goal in my life. I know that I will have to go through a lot of difficulties but I believe in myself. I know that I can make it and I will be very proud of myself if I will be one in the future.

Essay #4

Arrival age: 9

Years in US: 9

We all have some kind of an ability inside us. Some of us have an ability that could make ourself rich like a good singing voice or a creative mind. But anyway even we all crated equal but human is human, we are selfish, we always want more.

Since I am just like other human being I wish I could wake up one morning and have the ability to turn into an insect, no just kidding. I wish I have the ability to see through object.

Seeing through object is very useful I don't mean looking at people's private stuff. What I use this ability is to help the society, not doing big thing but little thing that people don't aware of.

For example, I can use my ability to look at sewer system, I can see which pipe is get old and rust so the sewer department can fix it first before it blow up. I can also use my ability to find hidden wapone at the airport. You know machine is machine you can't trust it fully. Well I am different, I am a live, I can make decision, I can look at the package and see is it a gun, durg, bomb or other dangous stuff.

My ability can really do more useful stuff. This two example is just to show what I can do with it and how its been use. I an use it the opposite way and distory the world.

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Essay #5

Arrival age: 16

Years in US: 10

Watching movies and television are most people's activities. People can learn good things and bad things from the movies and television. Such as smoking and crimes show on movies and television that influence people's behavior.

A lot of cigarette companies want to earn more money, they always have advertising on movies and television to teach people how to smoke. People influenced by them because a lot of people want to try. It is because on the movies and television, there are too many cigarette companies are use the advertising to let people to buy cigarette.

On the other hand, movies and television are also can produce crimes too. It is because there are so many violence movies on television. Many people want to fight with other, and do bad things because they learned from the movies. There are a lot of movies showed that it is powerful to become a crime.

I agree that movies and television influence people's behavior. People watch movies and television at most of the time, it would affect people's behavior.

Essay #6

Arrival age: 14

Years in US: 6

Yes, I truly believed that in everyday of our lives movies and television influence people's behavior. Many people in all over the world become influence from the media. There are too many things in movies and television influence people's behavior. Teenagers dress and act from what have they seen on television. Everyone dresses different because there are so many fashions that they could choose. It is also sad that in movies and television, they shows violence and that is where the people especially teenagers influence the killing, drugs, and alcohol from watching television.

For me, the best part of watching movies are watching romantic movies and also comedy movies. It makes my day very relaxing when I watch movies. People should not really believed from what they seen on television because sometimes things are not real. People should only enjoy and have a relaxing time while watching movies and television.

There are millions of things that movies and television give and share for the media. Television can entertain us when there is nothing to do. There are news that we could watch from back home. They have introduce everyone, kids, teenagers, adults, parents, grandpa, and grandma to entertain us. But we should not let our behavior get to over board and influence us from bad things like violence. It's too scary.

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Essay #7

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Years in US: 5

Yes, I think movies and television influence people's behaviors, because as a television freak myself, I do copy things from the things that's shown by movies and televisions. For example, when I see models or actors/actress dresses nice on T.V. I will copy how they dress and the way they talk and act toward others, my little cousins watch T.V all the time, they see how actors play in characters as cops and thieves and then right after watching it, they play off / copy what those actors just did in the movies. I think whatever shows on televisions / movies does happen in real lives and the real world.

I was watching the Blind witch project the other day and after watching it, it totally changes the way I think and the things I imagined and believed and thought that it was happening to me too, cause the movie seemed so real and it scared the heck out of me, I didn't have behavior's thinking that I would do the same thing as they did in the movie but yet I did thought everything in that movie was true and I had the behavior thinking that I was actually one of those characters in there.

A lot of students / kids do copy what they believe is necessary and true out of movie and that's why they do what ever they think is cool from T.V. why do some students / kids bring guns to school? that's because they learn and observe how other kids bring guns to school and gets away from it and like that. Everyone has different ways depend on how they learn it from, and on my point of view, I think it's TV and movies cause watching TV is what everyone does every day.

Essay #8

Arrival age: 11

Years in US: 8

In the past people didn't enjoy television, but comparing to know that there is a lot of violence in the tv. Mostly a lot of people likes television because they like violence. Some people enjoy when they see other people killing each other.

Specially young kids enjoy the violence because they like to do the same thing and they have a bad behavior with other people. The violence has been growing because they put too much action and people likes it.

My point of view is that people who are making movies are getting rich because they sell thousands of movies. But the reality is that violence is really important for most of the people. It not new that most people carry guns in their pocket, why, the answer is the television. In the television who ever carry a gun they respect him, but I know its not true.

I agree with the statement, television influence people's behavior. For some people television is very important because they think that they are learning good things about life.

I think people should be more responsible they should not believe in television. It has been said that violence movies and television influence people behaviors.

Tammy

Prompt:

In this unit we've been reading about and discussing leisure—how people use their free time, whether they find satisfaction in it, and whether they use it to “escape from reality.”

How do you use your free time? Chose one of your free time activities that you think is significant (important, worthwhile, meaningful) and explain to the reader why it is significant. The main purpose of this essay is *informative*, but you are also trying to *persuade* the reader that this activity is significant and perhaps even get the reader to *try out* this activity.

The Importance of Dance

Ever since I started dancing when I was six year old, I was expose to many cultural dances that a world could offer. Many of the cultural dances that I've experience or heard are salsa, tango, modern dance, tap dance, and West African dance. Every cultural dance represents each ethnic culture and have their own stories told within the dances. Dance is truly an important ability because it introduces you to cultural appreciation and it does this in a healthy way.

Learning to dance simply starts after a person learns to walk as a tiny tot so almost everyone have the ability to dance in any circumstances. The first step to learning to dance is to choose an interesting cultural dance and find a person that mastered the dance to teach the steps. The next step is learning to coordinate the steps according to the beat of the music. Hand motions, spinning, and twirling are part of the dance movements besides from the steps.

There are varieties kinds of cultural dances that people able learn from tango to West Africa dance. According to W.G. Raffé's Dictionary of Dance, most of cultural dances are considered ritual or court ceremonial from their native countries. To name the few definition of different cultural dances, Chinese dance is an example of ritual dance while definition of jazz dance is considered “Islamic perform as ritual prayers until later slavery took it to New Orleans where black slaves displaced by Christian hymns.”

People learning certain cultural dances will eventually learned to appreciate the culture that the dance originated. People will realized that each cultural dance has its own meanings and stories such as Hawaiian Dance and West African. Hawaiian dance is one of the examples of what I called “story telling” dance because during my dance class in my high school years, we were taught a day worth of lessons on Hawaiian dance and realized that most of the movement relates to Mother Nature. My high school dance teacher's sister from Hawaii was invited to show us that when one hand moves in a wavy motion in the air while moving hip from side to side meaning being in

the ocean. Another movement from a day of Hawaiian dance was having one arm act like picking something out from the tree while the other hand holds straight up in front means picking fruits out of a tree.

Dancing can also be perceived as another kind of exercise or sport activities to improve healthier lifestyle. According to American Heritage Dictionary, exercise means "to put into play" so dancing is just as similar as exercise from a health perspective. I am considered dancing as such as West African dance just like an exercise, a way to lose weight and gain strength. For example, West African dance looks similar to aerobic class but West African dance requires no plastic steps or no exercise on the floor and each dance step represent its own meanings; otherwise, it look like another kind of aerobic exercises.

Dancing helps develop much healthier bodies and mind but most of all the cultural appreciation of the cultural dancing. Dancing can be easy to learn for certain people like me but others may find it hard to pick up the dance steps. Learning to dance is just the first step to great health benefits and cultural appreciation. Dancing should always be seen as health regimes to losing weight, gain strength, and decrease stress just like many other exercises and recreational activities. Other than health benefits, people will eventually learned a great deal of cultural appreciation because ritual dances represents each culture by sharing the dancing techniques to many people who are unfamiliar with.

ESL Freshman Composition

Susan

Assignment: A memo proposing a solution to a problem

To: Chris Chatman, chairman of Eastlake YMCA of Oakland

From: Susan

Re: The organization's structures and rules for kids to behave better at the Eastlake YMCA

Taking care of ruthless kids at Eastlake YMCA in Oakland was beyond of my job description. I was hired as a volunteer for first two weeks of summer and as a paid camp counselor for rest of the summer camp at Eastlake YMCA. My job was to take care of 50-80 kids per day between the ages 4-12 in rotating schedules for each age group and provide kids with recreational activities. However, the problem is their behaviors to listen to staffs and lack of structure in the YMCA faculty that causes kids to misbehave. Therefore, I suggest on organizing more facility rules on kids to make Eastlake YMCA more structured.

I've observed so many youth organizations and daycare centers in the past, I find Eastlake YMCA not structure enough to help kids learn the proper way to act fairly upon peers and other than peers such as YMCA staffs. Eastlake YMCA has very few rules and most rules are too lean on kids because they think and act like they can roam around YMCA faculty as they please. If Eastlake YMCA has much stricter facility rules, kids can learn to act properly such as respecting staffs and other fellow campers. On one occasion, I was the only staff dealing with 20 of 4-6 year olds because my other co-worker on a break and I tried to give them directions with loud sterner voice to go inside the building to do some arts and crafts but kids ignored my command. In this situation, I think Eastlake YMCA should add this rule of "taking away free times if not listening to YMCA staffs" to be stern and stricter on the kids so they can learn to listen.

My best solution is to add and change into stricter rules to help kids learn to act appropriately among peers and others aside from peers with respect at Eastlake YMCA faculty. If faculty rules being more effective and stricter, the YMCA staffs don't always have to rely on Flores, our supervisor, to help command the kids whenever we have troubles managing them because she has superior power over us as YMCA staffs. In addition, I also want to suggest changing a rule on time-outs because giving kids two time-outs and a call home to every kid whenever they disobey staffs' directions or said rude comments to other doesn't help kids learn from their mistakes. I've been to my school's daycare center at San Francisco State University on a class field trip, I've learned that you can't always tell a kid to

do "time-out" every time they've behave inappropriate because they will eventually try to learn how to escape from time-outs without a staff watching him/or her.

Our facility should not contain too much rules but at a manageable numbers so kids could remember the basic rules of behaving appropriately. We, YMCA staffs, do realize that parents pay for their kids to participate in the YMCA day camp so it our responsibility to help them have fun with recreational activities and also learn to interact with peers and YMCA staffs with our strict rules. However, Eastlake YMCA should keep numbers of rules at manageable or average size so rules don't cause confusion or difficulty for kids to remember all facility rules.

Eastlake YMCA contain stricter rules on kids help them learn interaction, getting along with others, following directions, and learning about good teamwork. As long as Eastlake YMCA continue to exist, our company continues to earn so much money from parents for their kids to enjoy recreational activities with Eastlake's YMCA day but parents never realize their kids aren't learning anything out of day camp such teamwork and corporation. Kids won't work well among peers and other people aside from their peers due to lack of rules unless East YMCA encourage kids to interact with others with stricter rules.