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Essay Unit Contract

LEARNING GOALS

Essential Questions:

What is an introductory paragraph?

- What are the necessary parts of an introductory paragraph?
- What is a thesis statement?

What is a body paragraph?

- What are the necessary parts?

What is a concluding paragraph?

- What are the necessary parts?
- What is the restatement of the thesis?

Essential Skills:

Can you write an introductory paragraph with the following:

- an attention grabber
- background information about the topic
- thesis statement that includes a topic and controlling idea

Can you write a body paragraph with the following:

- a clear topic sentence
- major and minor support for each supporting detail
- correct use of appropriate transition words to connect ideas
- an appropriate concluding sentence

Can you write a concluding paragraph with the following:

- a restatement of thesis
- summary of main points from body paragraph
- final thought/ reflection on topic

Can you write and punctuate a complete sentence with the following:

- correct capitalization (first letter of first word in sentence and proper nouns)
- correct use of connecting words
- correct use of commas
- correct use of end punctuation (period, question mark)
- correct subject-verb agreement

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CONTRACT ACTIVITIES – You will do all Whole Group Activities listed below.

Whole Group Activities:	
	Whole Group Teaching 1- Parts of Essay
	Whole Group Practice 2- Parts of Essay
	Whole Group Practice 3- Parts of Essay
	Whole Group Teaching 4- Thesis
	Whole Group Practice 5- Thesis
	Whole Group Practice 6- Thesis
	Whole Group Practice 7- Thesis
	Whole Group Teaching 8- Introductory Paragraphs
	Whole Group Practice 9- Introductory Paragraphs
	Whole Group Teaching 10- Body Paragraphs
	Whole Group Teaching 11- Body Paragraphs
	Whole Group Practice 12- Body Paragraphs
	Whole Group Practice 13- Body Paragraphs
	Whole Group Practice 14- Body Paragraphs
	Whole Group Practice 15- Body Paragraphs
	Whole Group Teaching 16- Concluding Paragraph
	Whole Group Practice 17- Concluding Paragraph
	Whole Group Practice 18- Concluding Paragraph

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Practice Activities:		
Grade:	✓	
		Thesis Practice 1
		Thesis Practice 2
		Introductory Paragraph Practice 3- PLATO: Writing Strong Introductions_(IJ, MA, SJ, JV)
		Introductory Paragraph Practice 4
		Introductory Paragraph Practice 5
		Body Paragraph Practice 6- PLATO: Separating Ideas into Paragraphs_(IJ, MA, SJ, JV)
		Body Paragraph Practice 7
		Body Paragraph Practice 8
		Concluding Paragraph Practice 9- PLATO: Tying Ideas Together-Conclusions_(IJ, MA, SJ, JV)
		Concluding Paragraph Practice 10

Above and Beyond Activities:		
Grade:	✓	
		Above & Beyond Thesis Activity 1
		Above & Beyond Introductory Paragraph Activity 2
		Above & Beyond Body Paragraph Activity 3- PLATO: Tying Sentences Together_(IJ, MA, SJ, JV)
		Above & Beyond Body Paragraph Activity 4
		Above & Beyond Body Paragraph Activity 5
		Above & Beyond Concluding Paragraph Activity 6
		Above & Beyond Concluding Paragraph Activity 7
		Above & Beyond Concluding Paragraph Activity 8