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E151 Essay Contract Assessment

Directions: Choose one of the following writing prompts to write a four paragraph essay. This is the **mastery** assignment for the Essay Unit Contract.

Writing Prompts:

1. *"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children"* (Mandela). How is the quality of life of a nation's people evidence of its true nature? If you were to analyze the way the United States treats its children, how would you rate it as a nation? Is the United States good to its children? Think about the life aspects that might indicate the quality of a child's life.
2. Communication has changed in various ways in the last 20 years. Describe how changes in communication have impacted your life.
3. Money is a resource that is a necessity in many cultures. Explain what you would do if you won the lottery.

Please include the following in your essay:

1. An **introductory paragraph** that contains:
 - a. an attention grabber
 - b. background information on the topic
 - c. a thesis statement that includes a topic and controlling idea
2. **Two** body paragraphs that contain:
 - a. a clear topic sentence
 - b. major and minor support for each supporting detail (at least one minor supporting detail for each major supporting detail; make sure that the supporting details answer the question/prompt and are different
 - c. correct use of appropriate transition words to connect ideas
 - d. an appropriate concluding sentence
3. A **concluding paragraph** that contains:
 - a. a restatement of thesis
 - b. summary of the main points from body paragraph
 - c. final thought/ reflection on topic
4. Correct grammar:
 - a. correct capitalization
 - b. correct end punctuation
 - c. appropriate transitions
 - d. sentence length- at least 7 words for each sentence

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Essay Contract Assessment: Writing Check-list and Grade Sheet

Self-check-list	Teacher Check-list	Required Practice Activities prior to Final Draft
<p>Rate your work (1-3 scale) on the lines to indicate how well you have done with each component. Then, go back and revise your work.</p> <p>ESSAY ELEMENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Introductory paragraph <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An attention grabber - Background information on topic - Thesis statement — Two body paragraph <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear topic sentences - Major and minor supporting details - Make sure the major and minor support add new information - Concluding sentences — Concluding paragraph <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restatement of thesis - Summary of main points <p>GRAMMER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Correct capitalization — Correct end punctuation — Appropriate transitions — Sentence length - at least 7 words for each sentence 	<p>Your teacher will give you a grade and feedback for each paragraph element and grammar rule in the list below.</p> <p>ESSAY ELEMENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Introductory paragraph <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An attention grabber - Background information on topic - Thesis statement — Two body paragraph <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear topic sentences - Major and minor supporting details - Make sure the major and minor support add new information - Concluding sentences — Concluding paragraph <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restatement of thesis - Summary of main points <p>GRAMMAR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Correct capitalization — Correct end punctuation — Appropriate transitions — Sentence length - at least 7 words for each sentence 	<p>After grading your paragraph, your teacher will put a check next to the practice items you need to complete to help you prepare for your final exam.</p> <p>ESSAY ELEMENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Introductory paragraph <input type="checkbox"/> Body paragraphs <input type="checkbox"/> Major/Minor Support <input type="checkbox"/> Concluding paragraph <p>GRAMMAR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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