Quarter 1 Writing Assignment

Expository Essay

**Expository Essays…**

* Require that the write give information, explain a topic, or define something
* Usually developed through the use of facts and examples
* Written in the third-person, NO “I”!

**Structure**

1. Introduction
   1. Topic Sentence
   2. Subtopic 1
   3. Subtopic 2
   4. Subtopic 3
   5. Conclusion Sentence/Transition
2. First Supporting Paragraph
   1. Restate Subtopic 1
   2. First support detail or example
   3. Second support detail or example
   4. Third support detail or example
   5. Conclusion/transition
3. Second Support Paragraph
   1. Restate Subtopic 2
   2. First support detail or example
   3. Second support detail or example
   4. Third support detail or example
   5. Conclusion/transition
4. Third Support Paragraph
   1. Restate Subtopic 3
   2. First support detail or example
   3. Second support detail or example
   4. Third support detail or example
   5. Conclusion/transition
5. Closing paragraph
   1. Synthesis/Unifying main topic
   2. Synthesis of subtopic 1
   3. Synthesis of subtopic 2
   4. Synthesis of subtopic 3
   5. Overall conclusion

**Prompts**

* Explain the value of having and exercising the right to vote. Be sure to think of reasons why it is important to vote. Think of the kinds of laws that effect the average individual.
* Choose a book or TV show that many people enjoyed. You are to write an essay telling the reader why many people enjoyed it.
* Choose one invention that came out in the last hundred years or so. Write how that invention changed the lives of people. Explain how life was then, how it is different today, and whether the result is positive or negative.
* Homework is supposed to help students retain the information they were taught during classroom hours. Explain whether homework is necessary and why. Give suggestions for what to replace homework with.
* Less than 50 years ago, the average family owned one telephone, one or two televisions and a few radios. Today the average household has at least five devices that need an internet connection and as many as six percent of households own at least 15 such devices including smartphones, tablets, televisions, gaming consoles; even digital photo frames. This makes life much easier for everyone. But can there be a bad side to being so dependent on technology?
* Write an essay to explain why honesty is important in a friendship.
* Should American students be required to learn a second language? Why or why not?
* Should prison inmates be allowed to take college courses? Why or why not?

**Due Dates**

* Rough Draft due \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Final Draft due \_\_\_\_\_\_\_