

The criteria: The following descriptors are the criteria for the Exit Essay. Your essay must satisfy the requirements for each category.

Content	Organization	Development	Style	Language Usage
The essay answers the question.	Ideas are separated into reasonably coherent paragraphs.	There are at least two supporting ideas for the thesis.	Sentences are varied in type and length.	The paper is in Standard Written English.
There's a recognizable thesis / line of argument.	Each paragraph has a central idea.	The paper is 2 - 3 pages long (approximately 300-450 words).	The tone of the language is appropriate and consistent.	The number of problems with sentence fragments, comma splices, spelling, punctuation, subject-verb agreement, etc. is limited and does not interfere to the point of distraction.
The argument is fair/reasonable.	There are transitions between paragraphs.			
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The questions: You have 55 minutes to choose one question from the following and write an essay response. Remember to budget time for Pre-writing, Writing, and Proofreading.

- Should athletes who dope have their medals and records taken away from them?
- Is modern culture ruining childhood?
- What lessons do you think you should learn from older generations? Are there any lessons that they should perhaps learn from you?

Essays will be read by an instructor from another class, and results will be posted outside of the office of the Department of English & Modern Languages as soon as they are available.