

# English 10

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October 16<sup>th</sup>

# *Argumentative Essay #1*

- I can use a process to generate a well-organized, well written and well thought essay

# Quick Write

- When you write an essay, what parts do you find easiest/most enjoyable?
- What parts do you find most difficult?

# The Essay Process

1. **Analyze** the prompt.
2. **Brainstorm** possible claims and evidence that matches those claims
3. **Discuss** your claims and evidence.
4. **Create** an initial **claim statement (thesis)**
5. **Organize** the evidence and support for that claim statement.
6. **Write** a clear thesis statement based on your claim statement. (check and share)
7. **Identify** primary counter-claims to your thesis statement.
8. **Write** your introductory paragraph. (Draft)
9. **Write** a counter-claim (antithesis) paragraph. (Draft)
10. **Write** at least two supporting paragraphs. (Draft)
11. **Write** a concluding paragraph. (Draft)
12. **Revise** your essay for ideas, transitions, and fluency.
13. **Edit** your essay for grammar, usage, mechanics, spelling and format.

# Essay Prompt

In the class readings and discussion, the class has discovered that there is a clear relationship between **poverty and education**. The class further discovered that there is a clear **achievement gap** between students who come from economically advantaged homes compared to students from economically disadvantage homes. In a well-organized letter, write an argument designed to convince your **principal** to **change something about your school that would reduce this achievement gap**. Make sure that your solutions are reasonable and realistic in nature.

# Before We Analyze

Actively read the prompt. Circle words you are unfamiliar with and underline key/important parts.

# 1. Analyze the Prompt

## Steps:

1. Identify the topic for this essay. (What is the essay about?)
2. Identify the target audience for this essay. (Who are you writing to?)
3. Identify the key words that must be addressed for this essay. (What are the key things that must be mentioned in your essay?)
4. (For argumentative essays) Create a question based on the prompt (HOW, WHAT, WHY)

# 1. Analyze the Prompt Questions

- What is the topic for this essay?
- For whom are you writing?
- What concepts must appear in your essay in order for it to be successful (based on the prompt)?
- What is the central question that your claim (and eventually your thesis) must address based on this prompt?