

Values Essay

Assignment: After reading your personal values cards and making decisions about which values are very important to you, write your own essay explaining what your values are and why. Try to provide a unique look at who you are using specific details and anecdotes.

Follow the ***stages of the writing process*** and get to your best writing in your earlier drafts.

Prewrite:

* Look through your values cards and make decisions about which values are very important to you.

* Use the frame graphic organizer to organize your values and specific examples

* Using your essay fill in sheet to guide your writing

Write: Use expository essay format

-Introduction

* Set up your reader for what is to come. Talk in general about values and why people have them, then bring it to you and your values.

* Thesis statement (near end of introduction) This is the statement that says, in one sentence or so, why you are writing this. What do you want us to understand? What are the 3 values that are most important to you? Just list them here; you will explain why they are your most important in the body paragraphs.

-Body (Use a body paragraph for every characteristic you discuss. You will have 3 body paragraphs.) Follow this paragraph structure in order to explain your point of view, and also to give specific examples. Your paragraphs should be 4-6 sentences long.

* Topic Sentence

* Explain

* Give an example

* Explain

* Give an example

* Closing Sentence (try to use transition to next paragraph in body 1 and 2)

-Conclusion

* Restate your thesis in a slightly different way and mention your main points again.

* Close the essay