

Personal Mission Paragraph

OBJECTIVES

1. To practice paragraph writing form
2. To think critically about education and how you can personally use it to meet goals

DIRECTIONS

Based on your writing from the day before, write a complete paragraph that **explores, explains, and merges**

1. your personal educational mission
2. your idea of what it means to **have a “well-lived” life**
3. and your goals for the upcoming school year

This paragraph should serve as a guide for future decisions to and reminder when school and life get overwhelming what you’re working for and why.

NOTES:

PARAGRAPH NOTES
<p>TOPIC SENTENCES (TS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identifies the main idea(s).• All ideas expressed or explored must fit under the “umbrella” of this topic sentence. <p>SUPPORTING IDEAS/EVIDENCE (SI):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Give details to develop and support the main idea of the paragraph• EXAMPLES of EVIDENCE<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Specific examples◦ Quotations◦ Explains ideas <p>COMMENTARY (CM):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explains and explores why and how your supporting ideas relate back to your topic sentence <p>CONCLUDING SENTENCES (CM):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restates main points in a new or more meaningful way• Wraps up all ideas pertaining to that topic sentence
<p>EXAMPLE: <i>This is the level and length of writing I’m looking for.</i></p> <p>(TS) I will strive each day to perform my very best for my students and peers with the intent to create a positive, meaningful, inclusive learning environment.</p> <p>(SI) As an altruist, I believe that if everyone truly does all they can to be the best person they can be, a community can thrive and produce happy, productive citizens. As a teacher, I think the best way for me to teach this is to exemplify it in my own life.</p> <p>(CM) Because high school is learning based but learning doesn’t inherently happen, it takes work from students and teachers to create environments where all can learn and grow. With growth, not grades or specific achievement in mind, it is my hope that students will be comfortable learning at their own pace and sharing ideas with peers. This, hopefully, will not only lead to success in my students, but should provide chance at making a positive influence in my community through teaching.</p> <p>(CS) So, by being my best and giving effort, even if I miss the mark some days, I hope to make school more of a place people want to be and something they get use out of.</p>

Write your answer here

Grading

You will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Your topic sentence states a well defined action or vision for yourself as a student (5)
- You break down your topic sentence with supporting examples and commentary (5)
- You include a closing sentence that restates your bolded topic sentence in a new light (5)
- All spelling and conventions (grammar, punctuation) are correct (5)