

ESSAY OUTLINE WORKSHEET #2:

NAME: _____

BIOGRAPHICAL NARRATIVE

BIOGRAPHICAL ESSAYS ON THE CAHSEE

Biographical essays are essays about real people. On the CAHSEE, you may be asked to write a biographical essay of a person of your choice.

Like a **persuasive** essay, you need to explain to the reader why you chose this particular person (your thesis) and give **specific** examples and detailed descriptions to support your thesis. The only difference between a biographical essay and a persuasive essay is that you needn't address any counter-arguments.

OVERVIEW

Use the RUBRIC/DIRECTIONS below to help you create an outline for the CAHSEE Biographical Narrative Prompt attached below.

This time, you have not been given an outline. You will be making your own! Remember, on the CAHSEE you won't have the luxury of being given something to help you organize your writing, so you need to start creating your own organization structures.

That being said, your outline must satisfy the following requirements...

RUBRIC/DIRECTIONS

| Step 1: OPINION | Step 2: EVIDENCE | Step 3: THESIS | Step 4: CLAIM | Step 5: PARAGRAPH |
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| State your initial opinion response for the prompt. | Select 3 pieces of evidence for your opinion and list them. | Take your initial opinion and 3 pieces of evidence and combine into 1 complete sentence that answers the question. | Create 3 claims (in complete sentences) for each of your body paragraphs. | Choose one of the claims you created in Step 4 and write a complete CELEL paragraph. |
| 2 PTS _____ | 6 PTS _____ | 2 PTS _____ | 6 PTS _____ | 14 PTS _____ |

EXAMPLE PROMPT

At one time or another, we have all experienced a significant challenge in our lives. The way in which we deal with such challenges can make us stronger and force us to grow.

Think about a challenge that you have faced and overcome in your own life. This challenge might be a single event or a difficult set of circumstances. How did you overcome this challenge? How did you grow as a result of having overcome this challenge?

EXAMPLE PROMPT

All of us have a favorite place where we get to do what we want. It could be an indoor place, an outdoor place, or even an imaginary place. What is your favorite place? Write a story about what you get to do in your favorite place. Give enough details in your story to show your favorite place and what you get to do there.

SELECT ONE OF THE CLAIMS YOU CREATED AND WRITE OUT A CELEL PARAGRAPH THAT WOULD CORRESPOND WITH THAT CLAIM. [NOTE: For the CAHSEE, your evidence can be ANECDOTAL... no quotes because there is no text to quote from!]

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