

Read the assignment carefully to make sure you address all aspects of the prompt. Decide which issue you are going to discuss. Determine the purpose of the assignment. What will you try to accomplish in your essay?

On-Demand Writing Assignment for Module 6

You will have 45 minutes to plan and write an essay on the topic assigned below. Support your position by providing reasons and examples from your own experience, observations, or reading. Your essay should be as well-organized and as carefully written as you can make it.

Should teenagers accused of violent crimes be tried and sentenced as adults? Why or why not?

Be sure to refer to and cite the readings and any research that you have conducted during This module. You may also include examples from your personal experience and observations.

Organization of your essay

Introduction

- A “hook” to get the reader’s attention
- Background information
- Introduction of subject
- Statement of your opinion (thesis statement)

Body Paragraphs

- Common ground
- Lots of evidence (logical and emotional)
- Opposing point of view
- Response to opposing point of view

Conclusion

- Restatement of your position
- Call for action or agreement

Developing the content of your essay

1. Most body paragraphs consist of a topic sentence (or an implied topic sentence) and concrete details to support that topic sentence.
2. Body paragraphs give evidence in the form of examples, illustrations, statistics, and so on and analyze the meaning of the evidence.
3. Each topic sentence is usually directly related to the thesis statement.
4. No set number of paragraphs makes up an essay.
5. The thesis dictates and focuses the content of an essay.