

Writing Checklist – Memory Explanatory Article Portfolio

Please revise your essay according to the following suggestions that are highlighted in yellow below before submitting your final draft.

Introduction (Needs to be at least 5 sentences long)

- ✓ Did you hook or grab your audience's attention? **An essay hook** is the first one or two sentences of your essay. It serves as an introduction and works to grab the reader's attention.
- ✓ Did you state the titles and authors of the memory articles that you used to help you write the essay?
- ✓ Did you introduce the topic of memory with 2-3 supporting details?
- ✓ Is your topic sentence clear & engaging to the reader? (last sentence in the paragraph)

Body (Needs to be 3 paragraphs)

- ✓ Did you describe how memory works in your own words using the Source 1 article?
- ✓ Did you define the 3 different types of memory?
- ✓ Did you describe how the 3 different types of memory work?
- ✓ Did you explain why people forget things and start losing their memory?
- ✓ Did you summarize the different exercises described in Source 2 that help to strengthen your memory?
- ✓ Did you describe the activity that most stood out to you?
- ✓ Do you have details and facts in each of your paragraphs? (could include more)
- ✓ Did you transition from one paragraph to the other?

Conclusion (Needs to be at least 5 sentences long)

- ✓ Did you restate your thesis statement/controlling idea?
- ✓ Did you come to a conclusion about the items that you are comparing and contrasting?
- ✓ Make sure you summarize the key points in your essay.
- ✓ Synthesize – Did you summarize your most important takeaway from the articles, and leave with a thought-provoking sentence?

Overall

- ✓ Does your essay include interesting facts about memory, memory loss, and strategies to improve your memory? (If not, add more details)
- ✓ Conventions: Is my essay free from grammatical errors/has correct and varied sentence structure?
- ✓ Do I have at least 5 paragraphs? (If not, add more paragraphs and details.)

- ✓ Voice – Does your writing have personality and flare that’s all your own? (Add personal stories, quotes, descriptions, humor, etc.)
- ✓ Have you captured the reader’s interest in the topics and left them satisfied?
- ✓ Do I have a **heading** (upper left corner with name, teachers name, date, & class) and a **creative** title?
- ✓ Do I have a Check My Work Link to show that my essay is free from plagiarism (Go to your Connexus Homepage → Links → Check My Work → Upload your essay → Copy and paste the URL at the end of your essay) .

Ideas/Purpose (4)

Organization (4)

Voice (4)

Word Choice and Sentence Fluency (4)

Conventions (4)

Check My Work Link (4)

Total (24):