

## 6 Steps to Excellent Essay Response Writing

1. Read the essay question twice.
2. Identify and mark (underline, circle, etc.) what the essay is asking for you to answer - the main problems or questions.
3. Restate the question(s) in an introductory sentence. For example, if the question is; identify three reasons rain forests are disappearing and give examples of each, your introductory sentence could look like this: *Three main reasons for the disappearance of rain forests include changing climates, pollution, and deforestation.*
4. Write an explanatory sentence with an example for each item mentioned in your introductory sentence.
5. Add any details that might make your opinion clearer, and add a closing statement. A closing statement for the rainforest essay response might look like: *These three things are the primary reasons for the disappearance of rain forests.*
6. Read your response closely, checking and correcting any spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors.

### For Example:

#### Essay

Directions: Respond to the following essay with a complete and detailed answer. Use proper punctuation, capitalization, and sentence structure. Use as much detail as you can and be sure to include your own ideas with full explanations. You will be graded on how thoroughly you answer the question.

1. In a paragraph describe three things from Scrooge's past that affect him deeply. How do you know that these things have affected him? Give specific examples from the play that support your opinions.

Introductory statement

*Three things from Scrooge's past that affect him deeply are his lonely childhood, his sister, Fan, and the loss of his fiancé. When the ghost of Christmas past takes him back to his childhood, Scrooge is all by himself. I know it affects him because he cries when he sees the lonely boy that he was. Scrooge also gets very emotional when he sees how loving his sister, Fan, is to him as a young boy. I think that this is part of the reason why he is so awful to his nephew. He doesn't want to remember the love he had for his sister or how much he misses her. The last thing is the loss of his fiancé. I know it affects him because as the scene replays before him, he gets angry. He also calls himself a fool for letting her go. These three things are a big part of why Scrooge has become so miserable.*

Explanatory statement and support for first detail.

Explanatory statement and support for third detail.

Closing statement

Explanatory statement and support for second detail.