

EWRT1A-24 Essay 1- Education

Write an essay on **one** of the prompts below. The essay should be 3-4 pages, typed, double-spaced, and in accordance with the MLA guidelines (see the *Longman Pocket Writer's Companion*). Cite the essay(s) you refer to and be sure to provide a works cited list.

1. Keeping in mind the readings for this class, what do you see as the purpose of education? What should it be for? Generate a clear thesis statement that answers this question and demonstrate the thesis with at least one example from our readings and one from your own experience/observation.

2. As the readings show, sometimes education works well, but sometimes it doesn't. So what is necessary for education to operate as it should? In other words, what element or elements need to be in place for it to work properly? Use at least one example from an essay that we have read and at least one example from your own experience/observation.

Both prompts ask you to connect at least one of the readings with your own experience and/or observation. In order to get started, you could begin with your own beliefs about education and see which reading best supports your opinion. Or you could take an insight about education articulated in one of the readings and then think of a personal experience that could act as an example. In any case, the best way to get ideas is to read the texts for the class actively and to participate in class discussion.

Both prompts are questions concerning cause and effect. So emphasize the cause and effect relationship in your thesis statement. See pages 11-13 of the *Longman* for tips on how to develop your paragraphs accordingly. Also, keep in mind that you could develop your essay using both positive and negative examples, such as when education succeeds and when it fails. Just make sure that if you show examples of education failing that these cases fail due to a lack of an essential element that you name in your thesis. Lastly, your personal example does not have to be limited to the U.S. Just make sure it connects to an essay we've read and to your thesis.

Remember that a first draft and a final draft are required.

first draft due April 21

final draft due May 3

